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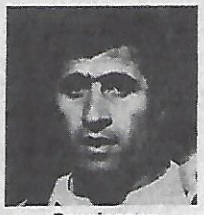


Papaiannou

BY LAURIE SCHWAB

Greek idol Mimi Papaiannou will play for Fitzroy Alexander in the Philips League this year.

He will be here from between six to eight weeks.

Alexander president Jim Mangopoulos had been trying for a long time to persuade the great forward to come back to Melbourne.

Last week he finally succeeded!

"Tell the fans not to worry." Papaiannou said. "I'll definitely be in Melbourne when the Greek season is over."

That should be sometime in June.

Alexander will pay Papaiannou big money — but just how much has not been disclosed.

I'd guess at about $500 a game plus travel and accommodation. meaning Alexander would be up for at least $6000.

Sydney Olympic also tried hard to sign Papaiannou.

However, Papaiannou, 35, decided on Alexander because his cousin, George Tsakiridis, is on the club's committee.

It was through Tsakiridis that Papaiannou came to Melbourne last year to play two guest games for Alexander against Hellas Adelaide and Marconi at Olympic Park.

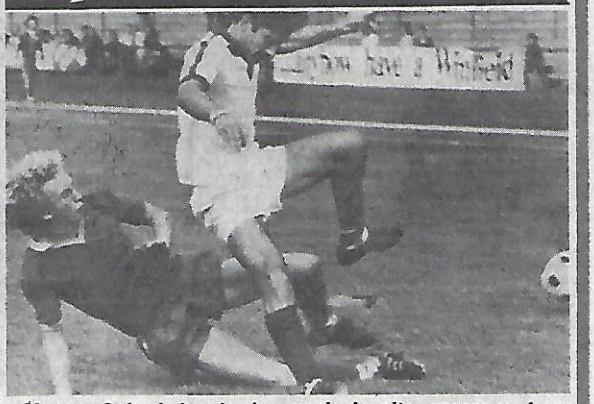
Papaiannou plays for AEK Athens.

He has represented Greece about 58 times and scored about 21 or 22 goals for the national team.

Alexander will also import two or three more players from England and Scotland.

However, Mangopoulos denied that Falkirk defender George Gibson would be one of them.

Ajax on the move



Manny Spiteri heads for goal despite pressure from Frankston's Ernie Merrick — and Spiteri's club, Green Gully Ajax, is also surging forward. Read about Ajax's big moves on page two. Photo by SAM BELFONTE.

Branko transfer tops them all!

Branko Buljevic became Australia's most expensive soccer player when he was sold by Footscray JUST to Fitzroy Alexander on Sunday.

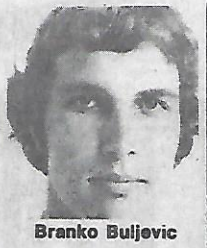
The transfer fee was not disclosed but it is estimated at about $12,000.

Alexander president Jim Mangopoulos had earlier offered $10,000 while J.U.S.T. boss Tony Kovac had demanded $15,000.

The previous Victorian record fee was $10,000, paid by South Melbourne Hellas to Melbourne for Duncan Cummings early last year.

However, the Australian record fee had been paid by Western Suburbs of Sydney for Australian national team captian Peter Wilson.

The fee was not disclosed at the time but it was believed to be about $11,000.



Branko Buljevic

J.U.S.T. sold Buljevic after beating Alexander 1-0 with a goal by Frank Micic in a practice game at Schintler Reserve, Footscray, on Sunday.

Buljevic was not present but Mr. Mangopoulos said he and Buljevic had agreed on terms.

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JAT YUGOSLAV AIRLINES

Best player gets trip to Europe

A trip for two to Europe is the prize for the best player in the Philips national league.

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Con Kazakos.

Kokaska may join Hamill at the Gully

Green Gully Ajax last week signed Altona goalscorer Tony Hamill for $5000 and is expected to buy Sunshine champion Steve Kokoska.

The two signings, plus the guest appearances of Malta national team captain **Willie Vassallo** later this year should make Ajax the western suburbs leading Federation team this year.

Hamill, from the Altona juniors, was one of the First Division's top scorers last season.

He will add much needed fire power to the Ajax team, which has relied heavily on the goalscoring prowess of midfielder **Mick Banagan.**

A forward line of **Segi, Hamill** and **Grady** looks dangerous indeed.

Kokoska, winner of the Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year award last season, has been trying without success to join a national league club.

Alexander put in an early bid for him but was frightened off by the high transfer fee.

Now that Alexander has signed Jim Tansey and Bob Provan, Kokoska's chances of joining a national league club are slim, although South Melbourne Hellas could certainly use his strength in defence.

Kokoska's main aim is to ensure that he gets a game this season.

He has been training with Ajax and is apparently happy with the terms the club has offered him.

So the mighty defender who started in the Sunshine juniors and played more than 200 senior games with City, is likely to be seen in Ajax colors this season — LAURIE SCHWAB.

Steve Kokoska

Film star at Hellas kick-off

Greek film star Con Kazakos will kick off the Hellas v. Mooroolbark game at Middle Park at 4.30 p.m. on Sunday.

Kazakos and his wife **Jeannie Karezi** the Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor of Greek cinema are in Melbourne to appear at the Comedy Theatre.

The Hellas v. Mooroolbark game will enable coach **Manny Poulakakis** to experiment further with his line-up.

He has the problem of whether **Chris Kalafatidis** or **Anton Dosen** gets the centre back position alongside **Arthur Xanthopoulos,** or whether he should buy another defender.

There's even talk that Hellas is bidding for **Peter Wilson;**

On Sunday week, Hellas will host Footscray J.U.S.T.

On March 20 West Adelaide Hellas will meet South Melbourne at Middle Park as a return game to its encounter in Adelaide last weekend.

A return game against Mooroolbark will take place At Mooroolbark's ground on March 27.

Doubt over Pele

The Australian Soccer Federation is still waiting for confirmation on the proposed tour by Pele's team New York Cosmos.

Cosmos offered to tour in September, as part of a world tour to bid goodbye to Pele (pictured) who will leave the club at the end of the season.

The ASF has told Cosmos it is interested and is still waiting to hear how much it would cost.

Cosmos will travel in a specially charted jet called Flight 10 — the number worn by Pele throughout his career.

SAINTS GET GNAVI FOR $9000

Midfield wizard Rudi Gnavi has transferred from Pan Hellenic to St George for $9000.

Gnavi, who played in the Argentine First Division, was brought to Australia by former national coach RALE RASIC when he was coach of Pan Hellenic.

He has since played one game for Australia, against the USSR, although he is not naturalised.

Many believe the ASF should have persuaded him to apply for naturalisation as a matter of urgency so he could play in our World Cup matches.

This was done in the case of AGENOR MUNIZ, a Brazilian.

Gnavi is eligible for citizenship and now that he is with St George, it may not be long before he's back in the national team.

Gnavi is the second mapor capture by St George coach Manfred Schaefer.

A few weeks ago he signed dynamic forward PHIL O'CONNOR ffom Wollongong City.

O'Connor and Gnavi are expected to be a hell of a double act in the big league this season.

With those two in the team, Saints look set for the title even now.

Kosmina is not for sale

Marconi's negotiations for South Australian star John Kosmina have fallen through.

Marconi coach **Rale Rasic** asked Kosmina's club Polonia Adelaide, to release the striker on loan for three years.

However, Polonia's secretary, who happens to be Kosmina's father as well, said Kosmina would not be released to any club and that Kosmina would see out his 12 month contract with Polonia.

Socceroo John Kosmina — Marconi's been told he's not for sale.

French for sale as Barkers' plans collapse

Mooroolbark has placed its prolific goalscorer Graham French on the transfer list.

French, 21, scored 21 State League goals last year to win the National goalscoring award for the leading marksman from Melbourne and Sydney combined.

The big target man scored about 26 goals for Birmingham City reserves in England before coming to Australia in 1975.

He has scored three goals in his five games for Victoria.

French asked for a transfer after Mooroolbark told him it could not afford to pay him a signing on fee.

Meanwhile, Mooroolbark has failed in its bid to amalgamate with Ringwood Wilhelmina.

Apparently Ringwood president **John van Hoboken** changed his mind.

However, Mooroolbark is still negotiating for a lease on Ringwood's ground, Jubilee Park.

The Barkers' own ground is considered unsuitable for national league matches.

Having failed to swing the Ringwood deal, Mooroolbark now finds itself short of players.

The Barkers had intended to sign Ringwood's better players, including **Chris Kent** and **Keith Adams.**

Mooroolbark is now hoping to import a player from the Scottish Premier League and one from the English Southern League.

Graham French

The need for players became more acute when full back Ian Williamson broke his leg for the second time while playing in a Cumberland Cup match against Bulleen at the weekend.

He broke his leg for the first time against George Cross late last year.

Makedonia recruit

Scottish midfielder Tom Brewerton was expected to arrive at the time we went to Press to join Preston-Makedonia.

Brewerton played for Vale of Leven in Scotland.

Makedonia will play a friendly game against Altona at Preston at 3 pm on Sunday, March 6.

Buljevic transfer

From page one

Buljevic, 29, is the sixth player Alexander has signed for the inaugural national league season which starts on April 2.

The others are Jim Tansey and Jim O'Reilly from Slavia at a total of $14,000; Bob Provan from Scottish club Clydebank; Ken Taylor from Winton Rovers in Scotland and Theo Selemidis from Hellas juniors.

J.U.S.T. will cover the loss of Buljevic by importing three Yugoslav players who are expected to be stars in the national league.

Buljevic decided to seek a transfer from J.U.S.T. after J.U.S.T. had turned down his request for more money.

The elegant ball artist has played 22 international matches for Australia and was one of the Socceroos' stars during the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany.

He has also played 22 games for Victoria.

Since he joined J.U.S.T. from Yugoslav club OFK Belgrade in 1969, he has scored 79 league goals for J.U.S.T.

Mr. Mangopoulos handed Mr. Kovac a down-payment cheque for $5,000 after Alexander had lost to J.U.S.T.

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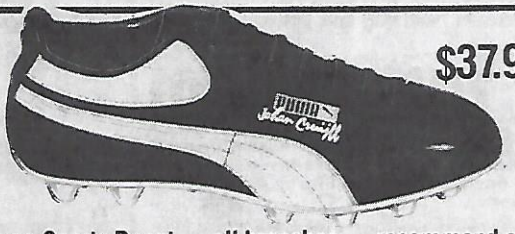

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Super final for Melbourne?

The Victorian Soccer Federation is trying hard to have the final of the Red Star — Celtic — Arsenal — Australia tournament played in Melbourne.

It is proposed that the first two games of the tournament be played simultaneously in Melbourne and Sydney on a Wednesday and the loser's final and final simultaneously in the two cities on the Sunday.

The tournament will be in July.

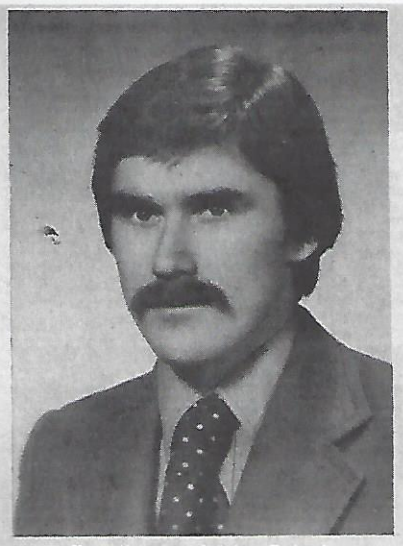
The Victorian and NSW Federations are understood to be seeing eye to eye over the tournament and that all that needs to be finalised are technicalities.

The promoters of the tournament, a company called World of Soccer, finalised negotiations for similar tournaments in Indonesia and Singapore last week.

They were also trying to arrange one for Hong Kong.

The tournament in Australia will carry prize money of $27,000 for the winner and $6000 for the runner-up.

It will be the first visit to Australia by Celtic and Arsenal.



Tom Koter — joining Polonia

Star to lift Polania-haaa-choo!

Flu has delayed the arrival of Polonia Maribyrnong's star Polish recruit, Tom Koter.

Koter was to have arrived from Poland last Friday but club president George Kerry received a telegram saying that Koter would be late because he had the flu.

Nevertheless, it was expected that Koter would be here by the time we went to Press.

A 30-year-old midfielder, he had 13 years in top football — three years with Legia Warsaw and 10 years with Polonia Warsaw.

He played for Polonia Warsaw until November last year.

At Polonia Maribyrnong he will be on a one-year contract, with a two year option.

If he is fit, Koter may play against Frankston on Wednesday, March 2, in their Ampol Cup game.

Koter replaces Polish star **Eugene Lerch** who returned home last year after spending over a year with the Maribyrnong club as player-coach.

Mr. Kerry this week explained the absence of the many players who have been missing from Polonia's team in the Ampol Cup so far.

Big Eddy Marmur won't play again until the winter season, if he decides to play at all.

If he decides to retire, Marmur will be given a testimonial match by the club, Mr. Kerry said.

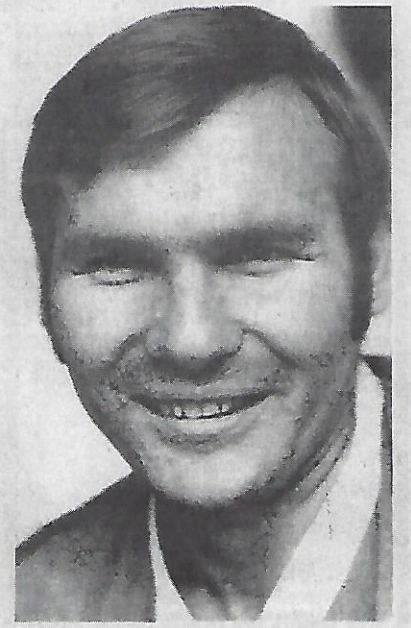
Stan Klain's absence is only temporary, as he has infected blisters, and his brother **Wally** is back in training.

Eddy Kupisz, who was out with an injured knee last year, will probably resume training soon, Mr. Kerry said.

However, **Richard Dziedzic** has not been sighted and **Barney Klimecki** may not play again due to serious migraines.

Lenny van Leeuwen will be back in action for the winter season but it's understood goalkeeper **Angelo Melitis** wants to join Fitzroy Alexander.

Meanwhile, Fred Dimitriou, a product of Polonia's juniors, has returned after a year with Altona City and Mario Menichello, from the juniors, has fitted well into the senior team. — LAURIE SCHWAB.



Eddy Marmur — he'll get a testimonial match if he retires.

$150,000 BACKING FOR BRISBANE

Brisbane City will be sponsored for $150,000 over the next three years by Living Insurance (Qld) Pty. Ltd.

And Brisbane secretary Guido Canale is optimistic about getting an additional $100,000 from a different company!

By LAURIE SCHWAB

With that sort of money Brisbane City (Azzurri) should be a force in the Philips League's inaugural season which starts on April 2.

The club is recruiting heavily from overseas and its 1976 players are breaking their necks to prove themselves good enough for the competition.

Fellows like **Kevin Caldwell,** who was the First Division's top scorer with 29 last season, Argentinian goalkeeper **Oswaldo Borzi** and midfielders **Gary Clifford** and **Brian Kibbey** have an excellent chance of being retained.

After all, they were the key men in Brisbane winning the championship, grand final and a variety of cups last season.

Three recruits have already arrived and at least two more are expected.

The three who are here played for Berea in South Africa and are all Scottish.

They are:

- **George Williamson,** 22, forward;
- **Thomas Lavan,** 23, forward, played for Scotland under 18 against Ireland, and for the clubs Kilbride Thistle and Rutherglen-Glencairn.
- **Martin Breen,** 23, midfielder, representated Scotland under 18s against England, Wales and Ireland. Invited at 16 to trial for Manchester United and at 19 played for Queen's Park, Glasgow.

These three are expected to be joined this week by **John Lavelle,** 23, who played for Morton in Scotland and then went to South African club Capetown to whom he was recommended by **Jock Stein** (Celtic) and **Jock Wallace** (Rangers).

Also expected soon is **Frank Pimblett,** a 21-year-old forward from Aston Villa. He joined Villa at 15 and signed as a professional at 17. He played in a League Cup semi-final and had 12 senior games in the First Division. He was also in the England youth team.

Brisbane City's new coach is Ian Kesson, former state coach, who brought South Side Eagles from Third to First Division.

He replaces **Nereo Saftich** who has resigned due to business pressures but who remains a club advisor.

Mr. Barry Maranta, managing director of Living Insurance (Qld) Pty. Ltd., signs the sponsorship agreement with Brisbane City president Mr. Vince Calice, with club secretary Guido Canale looking on in the background.

Spiegler for Hakoah?

Hakoah - Eastern Suburbs is hoping to sign Israel star Mordechai Spiegler for eight or 10 weeks later this year.

Hakoah manager **Dave Maclaren** told **"Soccer Action"** Spiegler would decide within the next few days.

"He was enthusiastic about coming here when we talked with him but he wanted a little time to think," Maclaren said.

Spiegler, 32, Israel's most capped international, has a sports store in Israel.

He played in the French First Division for Paris St. Germaine and in the U.S. for **Pele's** team New York Cosmos.

Hakoah has so far signed two new players — centre back **Keith Clapham,** 24, from Exeter; and full back **Alan Kershaw** from Southport.

Mordechai Spiegler

A 26-year-old striker from England has also agreed on terms but his name has not yet been released.

Sweeper **Alex Robertson** is the last of the 1976 squad to sign but Maclaren expects the matter to be resolved this week.

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Croatia, Sutherland for final

Sutherland and Croatia look good bets to win this week's Ampol Cup semi-finals at the Sydney Athletic Field.

Sutherland have fought hard to get there and Yugal-Prague just cannot keep relying on its veteran coach Joe Alagich to come on the pitch and pull the team out of trouble every week.

Croatia had a bad misfortune to lose last week to the unheralded Canterbury and this could have shaken them out of their complacency and riled them up for a win.

Here are the previews of the games —

SUTHERLAND V YUGAL-PRAGUE.

Sutherland is the type of team that Yugal-Prague just does not like playing against.

For the team from Sutherland does not possess the finer arts and crafts of the game — John Watkiss and John McDonald excluded and makes up for it by endeavour and hard craft.

Close marking and tough tackling will be Sutherland's order of the day and it could work.

Sutherland's coach John Watkiss will no doubt be keeping a wary eye on Yugal's player coach and saviour Joe Alagich.

They played in the national team together for a number of years and little Joe could meet his match in this one!

Tip — Sutherland.

CROATIA V AVALA.

I'd love to be a fly on the wall at the Croatia training sessions this week.

For no doubt their coach Tony Schwartz will be letting his team know a few facts of life after their defeat last week.

The man who could win this semi for them is brilliant Socceroo striker Atti Abonyi.

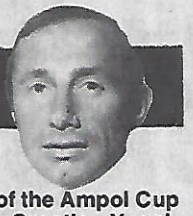
Abonyi is a big match player and apart from the final, this is about as high as Croatia will get in this league!

Avala has the makings of a decent team but it has not played long enough together to have welded into the force needed to beat Croatia.

Tip — Croatia.

APIA HITS ROCK BOTTOM, AVALA REACHES SEMIS

BY TOM ANDERSON



The fifth and final preliminary round of the Ampol Cup series was played last Sunday with Croatia, Yugal-Prague, Sutherland and Avala winning through to the semi-finals.

Shocks came thick and fast in last week's final preliminary round with some of the fancied teams blotting their copybooks.

Croatia lost its unbeaten record by falling to Canterbury, Auburn fell to Yugal-Prague when the pressure was on and Apia, last season's Sydney Grand Final winner, failed to qualify for the semi-finals!

Here are reports of the matches played. —

APIA 1 BANKSTOWN 1
Lambert Park — Sunday
Attendance — 1000

There is nothing sadder than to see a once great club on the skids and hittting rock bottom!

And for everyone who has been connected with such a fine club as Apia, in the past, this was a sad, sad day.

For managing only to draw with Bankstown, meant that the once proud Apia failed to qualify for the semi-finals of the 1977 Ampol Cup series.

And when you think that this is a series without St. George, Hakoah, Wests, Marconi and Pan Hellenic taking part, your heart bleeds for what has happened to Apia this season.

In the past, the Apia reserve team would have given this Bankstown team a hiding!

All credit to these Bankstown youngsters, they played hard and had no fear of a club with a prestigious record, but alas, they are no longer a formidable force in the park!

Apia may claim that they have gone through this series undefeated — which indeed they have, but when one looks at their 5:2 goal average it shows what a negative game they are playing.

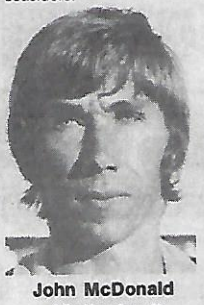
Still I suppose that a team can only perform to the ability of the players they have — enough said!

Scorers —
APIA — Porter.
Bankstown — Daley

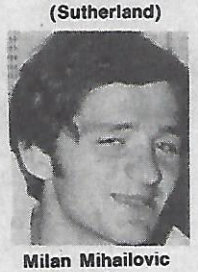
MANLY 3 WOLLONGONG CITY 1
Lambert Park — Sunday
Attendance — 1000

Before this match, Manly bought a new striker from Croatia — Stevie Pollard.

He turned out to be a bargain buy and repaid his transfer in full by netting two fine goals for the seasiders.



John McDonald (Sutherland)



Milan Mihailovic (Avala)

Mind you, Pollard is no stranger to Lambert Park and should know every blade of grass — what's left of the grass, that is — on the well-trodden Oval.

For he started his playing days with Apia and on this performance, the Leichhardt club could do with him back in their team.

But Manly deserved their big win against a Wollongong team that has more troubles than an Arab looking for a loan in Tel Aviv!

The South Coast team just has not got the quality of players needed for a successful side and what's more, no money to go out and buy any.

Manly put it together quite well and looked too good from the start.

Wollongong tried to make a game of it but it was not until they scored in the 75th minute, that they looked anything like a side.

But by that time it was too late and the points were on their way over the Harbor Bridge to Manly.

Scorers —
MANLY — Pollard 2, Delaney.
WOLLONGONG — Quinn.

CANTERBURY 2 CROATIA 0
Garside Park — Sunday
Attendance — 2150

Don't be complacent, wins don't happen, you've got to make them happen!

This, no doubt, is the lesson learned by the Croatian team after this shock result!

There's been a feeling round the traps for a couple of weeks now that Croatia has been getting a bit over-confident.

And if ever this was brought to light then it was in their defeat by the eager young Canterbury side at Garside Park on Sunday.

By Federation standards, Croatia is a good side — that is, when it goes out and tries to be one!

However, they should not get carried away by their early success and no doubt their coach TONY SCHWARTZ gave his team a bit of his mind after this shocker.

During the first half, Croatia played reasonably well but could not turn their superiority into goals.

The longer the game went on, the keener Canterbury became and when they got their first goal, it was all over bar the shouting and Croatia folded like a burst paper bag!

Scorers —
CANTERBURY — Zeros, Thomson.

SUTHERLAND 2 GRANVILLE 0
Garside Park — Sunday.
Attendance — 2150

Old footballers never die, they just win their way through to Ampol Cup series semi-finals!

At least this is the case with two veteran Socceroos, JOHN WATKISS and RON CORRY, now in the twilight of their long playing careers at Sutherland.

Over the years these two have given a lot to the game and, in fact, are still doing so!

For like old reliable "sticking plaster" they are keeping this bunch of youngsters together and making them look like a team.

They, along with two other "experienced campaigners" in midfield, JOHN McDONALD and JOHN LAVIN, have taken Sutherland to heights they never imagined was possible.

But Sutherland deserve to be in the semi-finals, just as they deserved to win this game.

Watkiss has his team responding to his promptings and at times they look quite good.

Granville played without their key midfielder BILLY FRASER.

Fraser was reported as — "being interstate visiting relatives" — but the relatives could be with a Philips League team somewhere!!

Scorers —
SUTHERLAND — Watkiss, Wykes.

YUGAL-PRAGUE 2 AUBURN 1
Garside Park — Friday night.
Attendance — 700.

So near yet so far is the story of Auburn's life!

If they had won this one, they would have managed to make the semi-finals of the series, but it was not to be.

With the pressure on, they fell at the final hurdle, which I suppose is the greatest test of any team with semi-final aspirations.

But if the Auburn story was one of failure, then the success story is that of Yugal's veteran coach JOE ALAGICH.

For Alagich once again forced himself to play and scored the winning goal in the 84th minute, to put his club into the semis.

In fact, without their coach on the field showing them how it should be done, Yugal would be a very ordinary side.

But with little Joe out there, anything can happen, as it usually does!

Auburn opened the scoring when KEVING DOBSON hit one home in the 56th minute and they thought they had boarded the gravy train.

However this was not to be and JOE ALAGICH took command and that was the end of Auburn!

SCORERS —
YUGAL-PRAGUE — Franic, Alagich
AUBURN — Dobson

AVALA 3 ARNCLIFFE 1.
Garside Park — Friday night.
Attendance — 700.

This win made it a sleepless weekend for Avala's coach JOHN CUDEK!

For Cudek realised that his team was in with a slight chance of making the semi-finals, but only if Apia slipped up against Bankstown

And for Cudek, once on Apia's books himself, he really thought that it was asking too much for a team like Bankstown to down the 'might' of Apia!

But it happened, and a bleary eyed JOHN CUDEK was one of the happiest men at Lambert Park two days later and went off for a good night's sleep to prepare his tactics for next week's semi-finals.

Avala, who have spent a great deal of money building up their side, thoroughly deserved to win against an Arncliffe Scots side that is about as unpredictable as the Melbourne weather!

This was one of their off nights and they were about as solid as an unlatched gate on a windy day!

Their defence had no answer to the quick probing of the Avala attacks and they never at any time looked like winning.

Avala's performance was quite good but they will have to improve if they want to win this week.

SCORERS —
AVALA — Milovanovic, Mihajlovic, Morrow.
ARNCLIFFE — Stone.

Final placings

THE AMPOL CUP PLACINGS

GROUP "A"

	W	D	L	F	A	P
SUTHERLAND	3	2	0	7	2	66
AVALA	3	1	1	10	6	62
Apia	2	3	0	5	2	56
Granville	2	0	3	8	8	38
Arncliffe	1	1	3	7	12	29
Bankstown	0	1	4	5	12	12

GROUP "B"

	W	D	L	F	A	P
CROATIA	4	0	1	14	7	74
YUGAL-PRAGUE	4	0	1	12	10	72
Canterbury	3	0	2	9	10	54
Auburn	2	0	3	11	7	41
Manly	2	0	3	5	8	35
Wollongong	0	0	5	9	18	9

The two top teams in each section go into the semi-finals at the Sydney Athletic Field next Sunday, with Sutherland meeting Yugal-Prague and Croatia meeting Avala.

Home crowd boos Israel after draw

TEL AVIV, — South Korea missed numerous scoring opportunities when it drew 0-0 with a lucky Israel in their opening World Cup Asian Group Two elimination match here.

Only the odd fine save by goalkeeper YOSET SORINOV prevented the South Koreans from winning. The Israelis were booed off the pitch by a disappointed crowd of 35,000.

The Koreans' best chance to score came in the 34th minute when LEE YOUNG MOO, unmarked in front of goal, hit the post.

In the 63rd minute KIM JIN KOOK, a substitute, also hit the post and several people, including Israeli commentators, thought the ball had crossed the line before bouncing out, but Scottish referee BRIAN MCGINLAY of Glasgow turned down the appeals from the Korean bench.

Nine minutes later centre-forward CHA BOEM KEON shot into an open goal after dribbling around SORINOV only to see the ball somehow cleared off the line by Israel's left-back JAKOB COHEN.

Israel's one serious chance of producing a shock result came in the 76th minute when VICKY PERETZ passed to GIDEON DAMTI with only the goalkeeper to beat, but Damti could not control the ball.

The Koreans, who also drew 0-0 at the Ramat Gan stadium here last year, showed greater speed and seldom failed in their tackling.

LEE YOUNG MOO, who had an excellent game for South Korea, was booked for dissent and Israeli midfielder MOSHE SHANI was shown the yellow card for the same reason.

Israel's next World Cup matches will be against Japan on March 6 and March 10. Both games will be played in Tel Aviv

Israel's team, captained by ITZHAK SHUM, was Sorinov, Bar, Nimni, Shum, Shani, Dimti, Peretz, Joseph, Lowenthal, Ochen, Malmilian.

In another Asian qualifying match Singapore snatched two lucky goals to beat Thailand 2-0 in Group One.

Singapore went ahead through QUAH KIM SONG in the 48th minute and its second goal, in the 77th minute, came when Thailand's goalkeeper CHAIWAT slipped on the wet turf and so enabled RAJAGOPAL'S weak free kick to slide inside the post.

Meanwhile Kenya made a dramatic exit from the World Cup when it had two players sent off and five booked in their African Zone qualifying match against Egypt in Cairo.

The Egyptians won the match 1-0, through a goal by left-winger ALI KHALIL and now qualifies for the third round in the African elimination series.

The match was marred by over-robust tactics by the Kenyans and four minutes from the end Libyan referee YOUSSEF AL-GHUL ordered off TIGO and KIZA as a crowd of 20,000 booed the Kenyans.

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Nick Kuzmanov of Essendon Lions evades a tackle by Jim Symington of Slavia. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

Slavia blitzed by Ivica Grujicic

BY LES SHORROCK

Essendon Lions won its game against Slavia (easily the best in the Ampol Cup series so far) principally because they were so much quicker to the ball than Slavia, but also because they had Ivan Grujicic.

Grujicic's display had class written all over it and he crowned it with two goals.

The first was a 20-yard 'bender' that moved away from Peter Clarke in the Slavia goal as he managed to get a despairing finger-tip to it, and the second was side-footed in from close range after **Nick Kuzmanov** had completely bamboozled the Slavia defence to lay the ball on.

Lions looked positively brilliant at times even though **Johnny Wallace** is still struggling to find form and **Billy Vojtek** was tentative after his suspension.

Slavia captain **Jim Symington** was very despondent about his team's performance when I spoke to him after the game, and there is no doubt that slowness at the back, coupled with the mid-fielders' inability to get to grips with **Johnny Gardiner** and **Grujicic,** caused Slavia's downfall.

Carl Gilder had looked most menacing in Slavia's previous games and his understanding with **Dave Ripley** had already produced five goals in two games, but on Friday he was foraging alone against an uncompromising defence.

The only question mark hanging over Lions is their inconsistency.

If the whole team could turn on this sort of soccer regularly, it would be more than a match for any State League side, but time and time again these players have flattered only to deceive.

Lions are now certain to top Section A but their semi-final opponents, the runners-up of Section B, could be in doubt until the last round on March 23.

Altona should thank O'Reilly

BY LAURIE SCHWAB

Had it not been for the wedding of Alexander's Jim O'Reilly on Friday night, Sunshine City would have beaten Altona by more than 3-1.

Defender **Peter Lewis** didn't play because he was O'Reilly's best man and dynamic forward **Tommy Cumming** arrived back late from the wedding because a taxi had not picked him up on time.

As if that wasn't enough to unsettle the team, goalkeeper John Scholten walked out just before kick-off when Billy Johnson was chosen ahead of him.

Scholten had been playing since the middle of last year when Johnson went "on strike" and he wasn't at all pleased with being asked to play second fiddle once again.

Altona, still desperately short of striking power, lined up with **Craig Copely** at right back. Copely was with Essendon Lions last season, but was previously an Altona stalwart.

Sunshine won this game due to the prominence of **Ian McCarthy** in midfield and **Ray Pocock** and **Kaz Piotrowski** in attack.

And, of course, there was irrepressible little Cumming once he came on at half time.

This little fellow showed more inventiveness and flair during his 35 minutes of action than most of the other players did for 70 minutes.

Altona was in the game up to half time due to the efforts of **Nat Little** in midfield and **Rob Gramsberger** and **Keith Murray** in defence.

The score was 1-1 in the 27th. minute after a third minute goal by Sunshine's **Kaz Piotrowski** and the equaliser by **Tony Curcio** who slid home a ball from **Little** who had dashed down the right flank.

Little did most things right but marred his performance when he missed a penalty for a foul on George Watters in the 50th. minute.

Sunshine made the score 2-1 just before half time when **Stewart Gilmour,** playing his first game since switching from Makedonia, speared in an easy shot after the ball had come off heads from Pocock's free kick.

Cumming took only a few minutes to make his mark after half time, beating **David Lord** on a run down the right and squaring the ball for Pocock to tap in Sunshine's third goal.

In the 52nd. minute Cumming almost scored himself when he cut through the advancing Altona defence and then dribbled around goalkeeper **Hans van der Poel,** only to miss narrowly.

George Cross, Lions run hot in Ampol Cup

By LES SHORROCK

We said last week that the weekend's games would provide the big crunch, and so it turned out.

George Cross' win over Makedonia has made it very difficult for Makedonia to reach the semi-finals, in fact if Hakoah defeats Sunshine City on Saturday, only a loss by George Cross to Hakoah will save Makedonia.

Spectator's got far more for their money both on Friday and Saturday, with a scintillating display by Lions on the first night and a thrilling battle between George Cross and Makedonia on Saturday, when no prisoners were taken and no quarter given.

If it should happen that George Cross meets Makedonia in the final, and the game is as good as Saturday's, I for one will be quite happy.

Sunshine duly recorded its expected first win over a very lack-lustre Altona, where the new players from overseas are eagerly awaited.

From the third minute when **Hans van der Poel** misread **Kaz Piotrowski's** cross-cum-shot as it flashed into the net, it clearly wasn't going to be a happy night for Altona, even though **Tommy Cumming** dallied too long at the **Jim O'Reilly** nuptials and arrived 20 minutes after the kick-off.

Jim McRobert was taken off at half-time to make room for tardy Tommy, even though wee Jimmy wasn't listed as a sub in the first case.

Coach Billy Cree's problems with disgruntled players won't end with Jim McRobert, though, for he'll probably have to face a transfer request from faithful standby John Scholten, who was dropped in favour of Bill Johnson.

Bill Johnson walked off into the sunset in the middle of last season after his annual tiff with the committee and John Scholten took over and performed admirably.

Even with Johnson's return this season, Scholten was still entitled to regard himself as the No. 1 keeper, but apparently he was made the scapegoat for the 6-1 thrashing George Cross handed out on February 4.

But you can bet Sunshine won't let him go, lest Johnson gets the sulks again.

The Ampol Cup is always a testing time for coaches, especially so in this season, with four new clubs in the State League, and some won't be resting too easy at the moment.

If Eric Gillespie and Alex Tulloch don't arrive on the scene at Frankston soon, even the U.S. Seventh Cavalry won't help the Bay City Rollers.

On Friday I got the impression that the Frankston side had been drawn out of a hat, and the team (to use the word in its broadest sense), played like a pick-up side at a picnic.

How in heaven's name could **Dave Gorrie** be playing sweeper, with **Sandy Irvine** unhappy in the midfield and **Sam Murray** on the left wing ?

Fittingly enough, Frankston's first goal in the State League was a penalty. It seemed the only way they would score.

Tonight, (Wednesday) Frankston comes up against Polonia and I'm willing to bet a few heads will be rolling at team selection time.

On the brighter side, the game between Lions and Prahran Slavia was the best of the series so far and it was good to see the team play so well after all the drama of the previous week.

Billy Vojtek could have been excused for having an off night, but although he didn't star, he nevertheless performed quite creditably.

The star of the side was undoubtedly **Ivica Grujicic,** who hit home a screamer for the first goal and had had the crowd in a fever of anticipation every time he touched the ball.

Lions play Ringwood City tonight (Wednesday), in the second game and will murder them on that form. The only lingering doubt about Lions is their penchant for blowing hot and cold and they showed this when they flopped dismally against Polonia in last year's Dockerty Cup semi-final.

Don't forget ... those games are tonight (Wednesday), and not on Friday, owing to the Moomba athletic meeting.

On Saturday, Sunshine come up against Hakoah, which has been the surprise packet of the competition. With a semi-final place to fight for, I think Hakoah will win this one.

The second match on Saturday concerns George Cross and Juventus, and in its present stage of team-building, I can't see Juventus overcoming the rampant Georgie.

It took George Cross a long time to get on top of Makedonia last Saturday, but to its credit it came from behind and looks to have too many guns for a weak Juventus.

THIS WEEK

AMPOL CUP GAMES THIS WEEK.

Tonight (Wednesday)
Frankston City V Polonia Maribyrnong, Essendon Lions V Ringwood City,

Saturday
Sunshine City V Hakoah, George Cross V Juventus.

There will be no games on Friday night owing to the Moomba athletic meeting at Olympic Park.

Makedonia unlucky to go down

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Preston Makedonia put so much into its game that it's hard to believe it lost to George Cross

Most of the Makedonia players ran their lungs out and fought like Spartans. Perhaps they would have won had their star centre back **Frank McAleer** not been out injured.

Chris Petrov from Sunshine was put in McAleer's place, but he has never played in that position before.

He tried hard but most of the burden fell on **Frank Campbell** who, luckily, had a magnificent game.

Most of the George Cross players were well below their best. Only **Rob Cullen,** playing his first game since returning from the UK, and **Alex McConville,** who came on at half time, showed the same grit and determination as the Makedonia fighters.

Makedonia should have scored early when Cullen, running onto a ball from **Paul Murphy,** collided with goalkeeper **Peter Laumets.**

Laumets was hurt and received treatment but managed to play on.

Then Makedonia hit the front when John McQuade headed past advancing George Cross keeper Lou Kastner.

George Cross replaced **Paul Deeming** with **Don Lawler** just after half time and the move was to pay off, for in the 52nd minute Lawler hammered home the equaliser from a ball put into his path by **Peter Ebini.**

Just before that, Makedonia had lost **Steve Beech** who limped off with a deep gash in his leg.

The score remained 1-1 until full time, meaning 20 minutes of extra time had to be played.

John Webb finally got the winning goal with an angled shot which inexplicably beat Laumets.

Hat-trick by Banagan

Green Gully Ajax won its first Ampol Cup—but the match did not reach State League standard and was distinguished only by a hat-trick from Mick Banagan.

The game opened on a sensational note, with Green Gully forcing a corner which Banagan converted in the first minute.

Immediately afterwards, Manny Spiteri should have made it 2-0 when he sliced the ball wide of an empty net.

Frankston, having started on a poor note, got worse as the game progressed, and the final nail was hammered into the coffin when Banagan, having scored again in the 50th minute, efficiently converted a penalty which seemed hardly justified.

Frankston was awarded a penalty, apparently on a pay-back basis, and **Sam Murray** converted for Frankston's first goal in the competition, but it brought scant consolation to the exasperated Frankston followers.

On this form Frankston will be a firm favourite for soccer's least coveted trophy, the wooden spoon.

Green Gully can take a lot of heart from this performance, coach **Ian Petherick** had blasted the players the week before for losing heart when they were a goal down, but they never looked like losing this encounter, and finished full of running.

In an interesting move, Petherick had star forward **Roy Collins** on the bench for the first half and Collins must have appreciated getting a second half run judging by the grafting he did.

With the arrival of **Tony Hamill** and also possibly **Butch Kokoska,** the Gully has the makings of a more than useful side, although it looked a little laboured at the back.

LES SHORROCK.

Ladders, player ratings

GEORGE CROSS 2 (Lawler 52nd, Webb 83rd), MAKEDONIA 1 (McQuade 20th).

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 6; Cutajar 5 (McConville 6, half time), Kelly 5, Maitland 5, Barron 5; Deeming 5 (Lawler 40th), Wilkinson 6, Webb 6; Cullen 7, Murphy 5, Ebini 5.

MAKEDONIA: Laumets 6; Trajkovski 6, Campbell 7, Petrov 5, Petrovski 6; Beech 6 (injured, sub. Jones 50th), Comar 5, Fox 5; McQuade 6, Daniels 5 (Stojanovski 67th), Flaherty 6.

Referee: Readshaw 7.

SUNSHINE 3 (Piotrowski 3rd, Gilmour 31st, Pocock 40th), ALTONA 1 (Curcio 27th).

SUNSHINE: Johnson 5; Scarlett 5, Mussel 6, Dixey 6, Howe 6; McCarthy 6, Gilmour 5, Laing 5 (Ellis 56th); Pocock 6, Piotrowski 6, McRobert 5, (Cumming 6, half time).

ALTONA: van der Poel 6; Copely 5, Gramsberger 6, Murray 6, Lord 5; Ackers 6, Brazil 5 (Davidson 4, half time), Little 6; Curcio 5 (Dorward 43rd), Coyne 4, Watters 5.

Referee: Daly 6.

GREEN GULLY 3 (M. Banagan 1 min, 50, & 63), FRANKSTON 1 (Murray 69).

GREEN GULLY: Mick Borg 5, P. Banagan 5, Cole 5, Berens 5, Marshall 5, Thompson 6, Segl 5, (Collins 5 half time), T. Banagan 5, Spiteri 5, M. Banagan 6, Grady 5, (Tribuzzio 60th min).

FRANKSTON: Hawke 5, Merrick 4, Gorrie 4, Adams 4, Shanks 5, Van Dyk 4, Westerveld (sub) 4, Savage 5, Irvine 5, Buchanan 4, Lewis (sub) 4, Spears 4, Murray 4.

Referee: Henderson (5).

ESSENDON LIONS 2 (Grujicic 20, 55), PRAHRAN SLAVIA 0.

ESSENDON: Petrovski 6, Bilaver 6, Ivanovic 6, Train 6, Kulyk 6, Wallace 5, Culina 4, (Kuzmanov 5 half-time), Grujicic 7, Gardiner 6, Vojtek 6, Murphy 6.

SLAVIA: Clarke 5, Train 5, Thompson 5, Cain 5, Owens 5, Symington 5, Ripley 5, Habbin 5, Gilder 5, Kelly 5, O'Halloran 5.

Referee : Farmer (5).

SECTION A

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Lions	3	3	0	4	0	6
Slavia	3	2	1	5	2	4
Green Gully	3	1	2	3	3	2
Polonia	2	1	1	2	2	2
Ringwood	2	1	1	1	2	2
Frankston	3	0	3	1	7	0

SECTION B

	P	W	L	F	A	P
George Cross	3	3	0	9	2	6
Hakoah	2	2	0	2	1	4
Makedonia	3	1	2	4	3	2
Juventus	2	1	1	2	2	2
Sunshine	3	1	2	4	9	2
Altona	3	0	3	2	6	0

VOTING:

Green Gully v Frankston
Ref's vote Joe Thompson, Les Shorrock's vote Mick Banagan.

Lions v Slavia
Ref's vote Bill Vojtek, Les Shorrock's vote Ivica Grujicic. Attendance 2000.

Altona v Sunshine
Ref's vote Ray Pocock, Laurie Schwab's vote Tom Cumming.

George Cross v Makedonia
Ref's vote Billy Wilkinson, Laurie Schwab's vote Frank Campbell. Attendance 3000.

Progressive referee votes: Wilkinson 3, Gilder 2.

Progressive Soccer Action votes: Grujicic 2, Gilder 2, Wilkinson 2.

EUSEBIO COMING

By LAURIE SCHWAB

A turbulent scene from the 1966 Portugal v North Korea game. Eusebio is fouled. He will score from the resultant penalty.

More action from the sensational Portugal v North Korea match — this time Korea's goalkeeper is able to stop the marauding Eusebio who has slid at the ball a second too late.

England goalkeeper Gordon Banks goes the wrong way as Eusebio converts this penalty for hands. It was both England's and Portugal's first appearance in the World Cup semi-finals.

Eusebio wins a high ball despite the close attention of England's Nobby Stiles.

One of the most famous of all soccer pictures — Eusebio, weeping, leaves the field after Portugal had lost to England.

Portugal's 1966 World Cup team, standing from left: Baptista, Morais, Graca, Hilario, Vicente, Pereira. Front: Augusto, Torres, Eusebio, Coluna, Simoes. They reached the semi-finals but crashed to England.

TO SYDNEY BUT MELBOURNE GAME IN DOUBT

Eusebio, star of the 1966 World Cup, Europe's answer to Pele, will play one guest game with Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs against Footscray J.U.S.T. on April 9.

He will get about $3000 for the match.

Hakoah has the chance of using Eusebio in another game, against Fitzroy Alexander in Melbourne on April 2.

This would depend upon Alexander paying his match fee, as Alexander would benefit at the gate.

However, Alexander president Jim Mangopoulos said he would pay Eusebio only if Eusebio played for Alexander.

In other words, he would play one match in Hakoah colors and one match in the stripes of Alexander.

Hakoah, however, apparently is not happy with such a set-up.

It wants both games for itself.

Whatever happens, we are assured of seeing Eusebio at least once — the first in what is expected to be a series of guest appearances by international stars in the Philips national league.

Eusebio has been playing in the U.S. but is back in Portugal now, with his club Benfica.

In the U.S. he played for the Boston Minutemen and then moved to Croatia Metros Toronto, which last year won the Norh American championship.

He first hit the headlines in the lead-up to the 1966 World Cup finals in England.

Noted author **Brian Glanville,** in his "History of the World Cup" writes:

"Portugal had staggered through the last phases of their group, losing in Romania, but in Eusebio they had one of the game's few authentic stars, a very striking inside-forward with a staggering right foot, flowing control, wonderful acceleration.

"Born in Laurenco Marques, Mozambique, he had at the age of 19 established himself in the Benfica team in 1961 in a world club championship match in Montevideo, having previously electrified France in a friendly tournament.

"His face had a pristine innocence and beauty in repose, his movements were graceful yet enormously powerful.

"If Europe had found a rival to Pele in spectacle and efficiency, then this was unquestionably he."

Eusebio scored two goals in Portugal's defeat of Brazil in the finals, but it was his performance against North Korea that made his name a legend.

It was a quarter-final match and the whole crowd was stunned when North Korea went to a 3-0 lead through goals by Pak Seung Jin, L Dong-Woon and Yan Sung Kook.

Then Eusebio started remoulding the game — a game which to all Portuguese had appeared irretrievably lost.

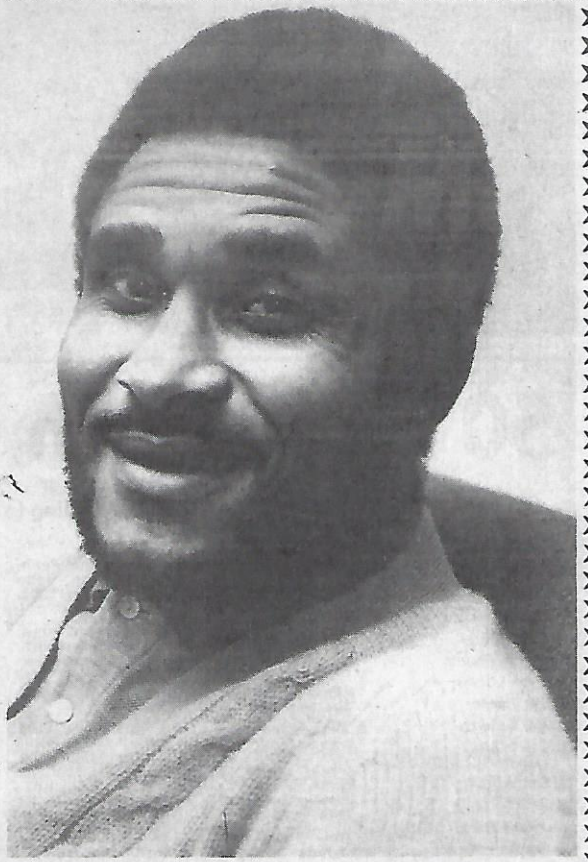
Simoes put him through for his first goal after 28 minutes. Three minutes before the interval **Torres** was felled in the area and Eusebio converted the penalty.

In the 60th. minute he capped an exhilarating left-wing run with the equalising goal but when he tried it again a Korean chopped him down in sheer desperation, giving away a penalty which Eusebio converted to put Portugal into the lead.

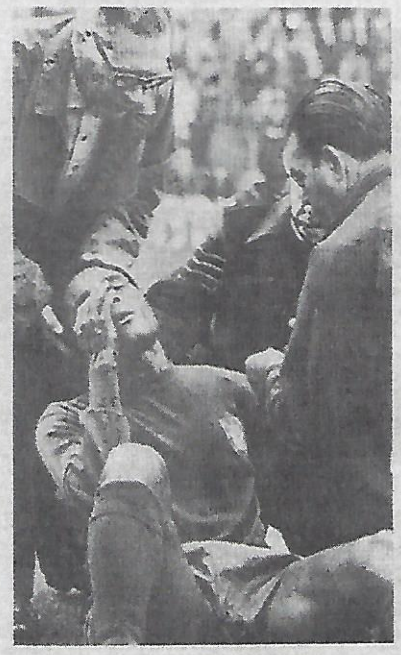
Augusto was the only man apart from Eusebio to score for Portugal making the final score 5-3.

Thus Portugal advanced to the semi-finals and although Eusebio scored another penalty against England, the English proved too strong in that game.

Anyway, Eusebio, with nine goals, became the top scorer of the tournament and his name was now one of the most important in world football.



Eusebio (above) as he is today — one of the richest men in soccer. Below— as he was a few years ago, minus the beard.



Portugal v Hungary, 1966 World Cup — treatment for injured Eusebio.

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A list of full international appearances, according to ASF records:

50 Peter Wilson, Attila Abonyi.

49 Manfred Schaefer.

48 Ray Baartz.

44 John Warren

36 Adrian Alston.

35 Doug Utjesenovic

34 Jim Rooney

32 Ray Richards

31 Bill Vojtek, Jim Mackay

28 Stan Ackerley

27 Ron Corry

23 John Watkiss

22 Branko Buljevic

20 George Keith

19 Peter Ollerton, Tom McColl

16 George Harris, Max Tolson

15 Jack Reilly, Col Curran, Col Bennett, Todd Clarke, Allan Westwater

14 Ernie Campbell, Alan Marnoch, Agenor Muniz

13 Bobby Hogg, Gary Bryne

12 Dave Harding

11 Murray Barnes, Harry Williams

9 Archie Blue, Dick van Alphen, Nigel Shepherd.

8 Jim Fraser, Bill Rorke

7 Frank Micic, Danny Walsh, Pat Hughes, John Kosmina, John Nyskohus

6 Roy Blitz, Ray Lloyd, Roger Romanowicz, Les Scheinflug, Willie Rutherford

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3 Jim Armstrong, John Giacometti, Ron Giles, Bodgen Nyskohus, Jim Pearson, David Zeman

2 Terry Butler, Ted de Lyster, Peter Fuzes, Sandy Irvine, Ian Johnson, Phil O'Connor, Geoff Sleigh, Cliff van Blerk, Dennis Yaager

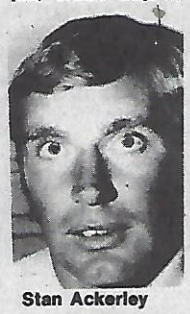
1 Duncan Cummings, John Davies, John Doyle, Rodolfo Gnavl, Steve Herczeg, Mark Jankovics, Ross Kelly, John McDonald, Bruce Morror, Kevin Mullen, George Nuttall, Mendo Ristovski, John Roberts, John Russell, Peter Stone, Brian Turner.

Oh miracle of miracles! I actually received a complimentary ticket to the Australia v. Israel match at the Sydney Sports Ground recently.

The seat was right at the end of the stand, just over the toilets, and I had a couple of pillars in front of me, but not to worry. I did get a ticket. Someone thought of me!

But why is it no-one thought of **Johnny Warren, Alan Marnoch, Manfred Schaefer, George Keith, Ron Lord, Ray Richards, Doug Utjesenovic, Stan Ackerley, Ron Corry, John Watkiss, Max Tolson, Ray Baartz, Bobby Hogg,** and a whole legion of former players who served their country for so long.

And, at the first game in Melbourne, why didn't they think of **Billy Vojtek, Branko Buljevic, Frank Micic, Jack Reilly, Dick van Alphen, Billy Rice, Jimmy Mackay Sandy Irvine and Jim Armstrong.**



Stan Ackerley

In Europe, players receive invitations to all international matches once they have gained their first 'A' cap.

Once he has played for his country, a player in Europe is someone special and he is treated accordingly by the federation of his country and his State.

In Australia the former international is given the cold shoulder.

He's done his duty and he's forgotten.

While greats like **John Watkiss** and **Manfred Schaefer** pay at the gate and do their best to squash into a seat, every other Tom Dick and Harry sits up there in the officials' box along with **Sir Arthur George** and **Eric Worthington.**

It's time this situation is changed.

So say not only I but all of the former internationals I have talked to.

I speak on behalf of **Ray Baartz,** who nearly lost his life on behalf of his country, **Bobby Hogg** whose international career was ended by a broken leg; and **Richie Bell** and **Doug Utjesenovic** who were so badly injured on the Socceroos' tour last year.

RALE RASIC

LES SCHEINFLUG (6 caps), former national captain and assistant national coach, veteran of our 1965 World Cup matches, is one of the greatest players Australia has had.

He says he comes to international soccer only because it is his duty as a professional coach, otherwise he would never bother.

"If their appreciation for service is so low that they cannot make some sort of effort for former internationals, then it's a little embarrassing all around," he said.

JOHN WATKISS (23 caps), played in our 1965, 1969 and 1973-74 World Cup matches. He said the former internationals would really appreciate being together along with their wives at international matches to see the younger players doing their best for their country.

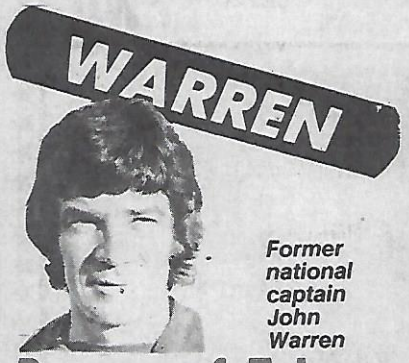
However, he never gets an invitation, so he goes only occasionally.

MANFRED SCHAEFER — (49 caps), veteran of 1969 and 1973-74 World Cup matches and until recently holder of the record number of Australian caps.

Schaefer said: "I go to international matches because as manager--coach of St. George it's my duty.

"However I do feel a little embarrassed when my secretary and my president receive invitations each and I don't'-

RAY RICHARDS (32 caps): "I'm disgusted that I have to be put into the position where officials at the grandstand



Former national captain John Warren

Beware of Taiwan

Everyone has been taking it for granted that Australia will beat Taiwan in their World Cup games in Fiji on March 13 and 16.

My advice is that we shouldn't be too cocky.

Taiwan has been in Fiji for over a week now and will have been there for three weeks by the time it lines up against Australia.

It played against Fiji last weekend and has many more trial games lined up in order to acclimatise.

What's more, Taiwan has the full support of **Sashi Singh,** who has been Fiji's national coach for about 25 years and who, as treasurer of the Oceania Federation, is a bitter enemy of Australia.

A real politician, Singh has had countless clashes with **Sir Arthur George** and is one of the men responsible for keeping Taiwan in world soccer.

He has business interests in motor spares in Taiwan and Japan and he was trained here as a coach by **Dennis Adrigan** and **Joe Vlasits** about six or seven years ago.

Singh is doing everything he can to make sure that Taiwan beats Australia.

Taiwan's long stay in Fiji is probably financed by the Taiwan government which realises a victory over Australia would be a political bonanza for Taiwan.

The Taiwan v Australia matches will be played at a 20,000-capacity stadium at Ba, on the north side of the island which is plagued by very dry heat.

The playing surface isn't bad but there are no changing rooms. Players will have to change back at the hotel, which is 45 minutes' drive away.

Taiwan is benefiting greatly from its early arrival in Fiji and although it might not be enough to beat Australia, it would be dangerous indeed to underestimate the Nationalist Chinese.

Carn Jim Knee's Soccerburras!

In the words of the late and great Shakespeare: "What's in a name? A rose by any other name smells sweet." (Not of course if you've smelt my sister Rose.)

The point is that over the years I have been associated with the world of soccer it has become obvious that there are as many different names to clubs as there are soccer writers.

If one reads **Laurie Schwab** one can read of a match between Hakoah and Polonia, or Slavia and Juventus.

Now, if we turn to the pages of the **"Sunday Press"** and get a description by **Jim Barker,** then we find the match was played between St. Kilda and Marlbyrnong or Prahran and Carlton.

Tom Anderson in Sydney believes in the existence of a team called Croatia. **Brian Mossop** on the other hand does not believe in the existence of Croatia, but in a team called South Sydney.

Now, all this must become quite confusing when trying to barrack for a team of your choice or trying to insult its opponents.

Let's face it: how ethnically insulting can you get about a team known as Brisbane City or Western Suburbs?

Fred Villiers on the other hand doesn't play favorites. He keeps changing the names from one story to the next.

Then there are those who try to please everyone by using all the titular concoctions.

For instance **Les Shorrock** writes about South Melbourne, the editor changes it to Hellas, Les Shorrock hits the editor, the editor goes into a philosophical rave, an arbitrator, judge, referee, is called in and a compromise is struck. The team is called South Melbourne Hellas.

This must be an innate condition of a country that cannot decide on a national anthem, where elections are held fortnightly and brothels are called massage parlors.

Having made the point often enough that I hate the name Socceroos I think I shall refer to them with a name of my own invention. Let's see. . . Soccerburras, Australis-Nil-Three, Down Under Cosmopolitans.

Or the Jim Shoulder, Knee, Elbow, Sacroiliac Mob.

And they can play at Olympic Park, Ground, Pitch, Grass, Area.

Whilst flying by airplane, aeroplane, jet, big bird, Lufthansa, Qantas or Jumbo.

KNUT WERNER

Also soon we can have clubs like Green Gully Ajax Maltese Just Past Keilor On The Calder Highway.

Of course this does lead to some problems as you have probably already worked out.

With the proliferation of names the playing strip will have to be somewhat altered.

To fit in all the relevant categories describing what the club is about, the introduction of long flowing capes is a certainty.

The scoreboards at the various grounds will have to be extended about two kilometres.

Soccer Action will have to be changed from tabloid to broadsheet. And **George Wallace** will have to study speed talking, in his introduction at Olympic Park, Ground, Pitch, Grass Area.

Industry backing soccer

By RON DARLINGTON

One of the most significant improvements to occur in the Victorian Industrial League this year originates from the increasing interest taken by senior management in the overall welfare of their employees.

More companies are beginning to realise that in addition to providing returns to their shareholders they have a social responsibility to their employees and the public in general.

In some parts of the world, such as Japan, this may be considered to be carried to extremes but it is only right and proper that some provision for the welfare of employees should be made during working hours and facilities made available to them outside working hours.

When a soccer team promotes a company's name, as it does in the Industrial League, unless this is done in a satisfactory manner it reflects on the company image, and for this reason if no other, companies should take a direct interest in the team.

Some companies, like Ford, have ensured the success of the team carrying their name. When Ford joined the I.S.L.V. they provided the team with a first class ground and a separate training area equipped with floodlights.

The company has also benefited enormously from this action since Ford has a large migrant work force with over 40 different nationalities.

The one common interest outside work is soccer and the Falcons have been the unifying force to bring this diverse group of people together.

Another company that has carried out ground improvements during the summer is Fibremakers. In addition to draining the pitch they have provided new changing facilities.

C.I.G. is also aware of the need for improved playing facilities and a scheme to provide a pitch with floodlighting on company property was investigated but had to be shelved because of the high cost involved and the economic climate. However, assurances have been given that the plan will be resurrected later with a view to having it reconsidered for the 1978 season.

Lysaghts have been more fortunate. Their new ground will be available this year. A few matches were played on it last season but it is now fully commissioned with all facilities.

One addition that was made during the summer is a sprinkler system with underground pipes. How many soccer grounds in Victoria can claim that distinction.

Not everyone has sufficient room to provide a soccer ground and Linatex, RAAF Point Cook, Reyrolle, Sperry Vickers and W. D. & H. O. Wills in addition to those already mentioned can consider themselves fortunate but some of the local councils deserve a word of praise.

Melbourne council has upgraded Debneys Park, Broadmeadows council has improved Strathnaver Reserve and Springvale council has commissioned nine ultra-modern pavilions, each costing about $50,000.

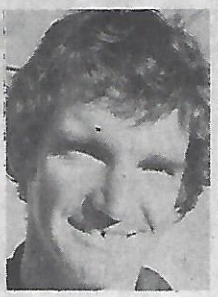
McColl Dynamo is the lessee of one of these and now has facilities second to none.

It may be some time before rallied off pitches and grandstands are as plentiful with soccer clubs as they are with that 'other game' but hopefully we are moving in that direction.

k, Harry, our stars

Manfred Schaefer

Jim Mackay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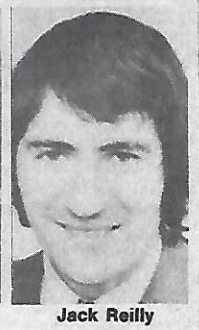
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JOHNNY WARREN (4 caps), former ional team captain, yed in 1965, 1969 1973-74 World Cup mes.

Last year a supporter h about a dozen free kets offered him one go to the Tottenham tspur game.

Johnny felt too proud to take it, so he bought one at the ticket window, but since then he hasn't been to another international match.

"I don't feel part of it any longer because nothing has been done to encourage such a feeling among former internationals, so I don't go to international games anymore.

BILLY VOJTEK (31 caps), played in 1969 and 1973 World Cup games.

"I've never had an invitation to an international game, and neither have any other Victorians as far as I know. It's a pretty poor situation really."

Ray Baartz is one player I didn't get the opportunity to interview but I know for a fact he wouldn't mind travelling down from Newcastle to come to international matches if he were asked.

Ignoring men like Baartz, Schaefer, Warren, Vojtek and Micic is comparable with ignoring **Bobby Charlton, Uwe Seeler, Ferenc Puskas, Florian Albert** and **Rajko Mitic** in Europe.

Frank Micic

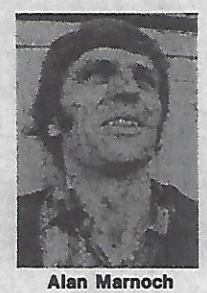
Isn't it important to keep our former internationals interested? Isn't it worth showing them the courtesy they have earned.?

I think it is. I believe most of the soccer public agrees with me.

How about it, ASF?

The atmosphere would be so much better if we saw all the greats of Australian soccer assembled in their own section of the stand, with their wives and perhaps their children.

It would help establish some sort of tradition in Australian soccer and God knows, tradition is something we are very short of.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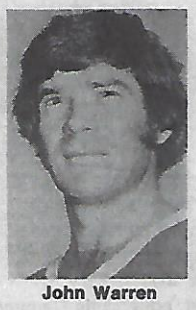
John Warren

50th game or 50th game?

Allow me to extend my warmest congratulations to Peter Wilson and Attila Abonyi on the occasion of their 50th games for Australia.

Both now share the record. The previous record-holder was **Manfred Schaefer** with 49 caps.

I don't want to detract from their marvellous achievement, but fans must have been thoroughly confused by the feat.

When it was announced over the loudspeakers at the Sports Ground — yes, that's all, no guard of honor or fanfare or official pat on back—the fans must have recalled the last time Wilson and Abonyi "played their 50th game.

That was during the Socceroos' tour last year.

First there was a story from China saying Abonyi was playing No. 50. Then we got cables from Israel saying it was No 50 for Wilson (or was it the other way round.)

Obviously something was wrong somewhere.

Yet we can't afford to be wrong about something as important as that if we expect to enter an era of professional soccer.

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Referees' supervisor for the two matches is **General Hashim** of Malaysia.

The game against New Zealand in Sydney on March 27 will be handled by **Chan Tam Sun** of Hong Kong, with **Sheung Kwak Kui** and **Marcus Wong** as his linesmen.

Kui will referee the second game in Auckland on March 30.

Supervisor will be **Koe Ewe Teik** of Malaysia.

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Johnny Warren coaching discs are now available from branches of the Bank of NSW.

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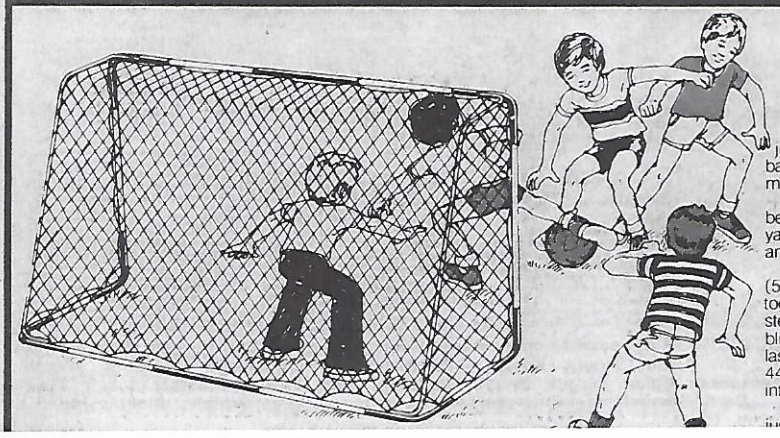

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— here's what to expect

Many people are trying to imagine how the Philips League teams will look when they step onto the ground to advertise their sponsors' products.

Marconi, for example, will wear the emblem of Rosso Antico, and Brisbane City is expected to have "Living Insurance" on its shirts, to advertise the insurance company backing the club for $150,000 over three years.

Footscray J.U.S.T. will also bear a sponsor's name, yet to be announced, as will some other clubs.

The country that leads the world in soccer sponsorship is West Germany, where almost every national league club bears the emblem of a commercial sponsor.

However, whereas the Germans allow these emblems to be worn on the front of the shirts, the Philips League stipulates the emblems be on the backs.

The reason is that under the league's agreement with Philips, players must wear a small Philips Industries emblem on the front.

Here are some pictures of famous West German clubs wearing their "billboard" shirts. It will give you an idea . . .

CHAMPION BORUSSIA MOENCHENGLADBACH, wearing the emblem of "Erdgas", or natural gas — standing, from left: Drygalski (assistant coach), Stielike, Heynckes, Wittkamp, Danner, Schaeffer, Jensen, Wimmer, Lattek (coach). Front: Klinkhammer, Stock (masseur), Simonsen, Bonhof, Kleff, Vogts, Koeppel.

1. FC KAISERSLAUTERN, advertising Campari, an alcoholic drink, standing from left: Ribbeck (coach), Scheer, Weiler, Stickel, Briegel, Toppmoeller, Melzer, Meier, H.-D. Diehl, Schwartz, Loch (masseur). Front: Scheller, Groh, Riedl, Pirrung, Stabel, Hellstroem, Wilhelmi, Sandberg, Ritschel, E. Diehl.

BAYERN MUNICH, advertising Adidas sports goods, standing from left: Cramer (coach), Olk (assistant coach), Rummenigge, Seneca, Torstensson, Kirschner, Mueller, Weiss, Horsman, Kuenkel, Schwarzenbeck, Hoeness, Roth, Beckenbauer. Front, from left: Andersson, Kloo, Oenal, Kapellmann, Maier, Ober, Licht, Duernberger, Augenthaler, Arbinger, Reissinger.

HAMBURGER SV, advertising Japanese electrical manufacturer Hitachi, standing, from left: Dr. Krohn, Nogly, Kovacic, Blankenburg, Steffenhagen, Spincke, Magath, Mackensen, Keller, Kargus, Zaczyk, Memering, Kaltz, Volkert, Kloetzer (coach). Front: Bertl, Sperlich, Figl, Ettmayer, Ripp, Reimann, Hidien, Winkler, Bloemmese

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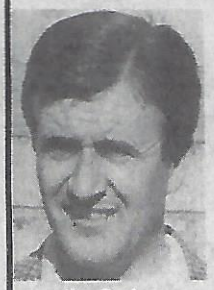

Jim Barker

The Philips League and Channel 10 are still frantically looking for suitable commentators for the Sydney end of the Philips League soccer programme "Philips Top Soccer".

Melbourne is in the fortunate position of having found **Jim Barker** and **Geoff Thomas** for the ATV0 end of the programme.

Marconi v. J.U.S.T.

Marconi will meet either St. George or Western Suburbs on March 6.

The opponent will depend on who beats who in the Rosso Antico tournament being staged at Marconi's ground.

On March 13 Marconi will play against J.U.S.T. at Schintler Reserve, Footscray.

On March 19 it's off to Canberra to meet **Johnny Warren's** team and on March 27 Marconi winds down against Melita Eagles before tackling its first league game on April 2.

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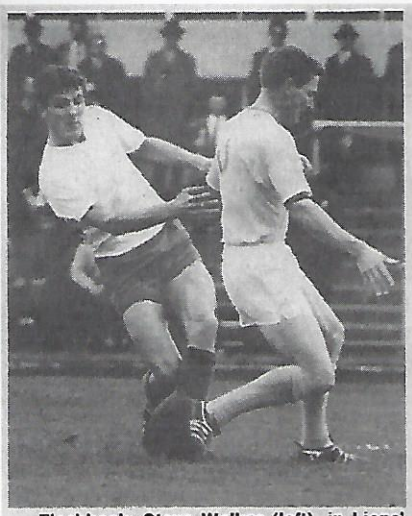

Flashback: Steve Walker (left), in Lions' colors, tangles with another Soccer giant, John O'Neill of Hakoah.

Hellas parts with two champions

Two of the all-time greats of Victorian soccer, Jim Armstrong and Steve Walker, have been transfer-listed by South Melbourne Hellas.

Juventus coach Bobby McLachlan is believed to be the first to make a bid for them.

Hellas has parted with Armstrong and Walker to make way for younger players but in doing so it has also ended a glorious era in which these two players were giants.

Armstrong, 33, has scored 142 league goals for Hakoah and Hellas the highest tally for a player in the 18-year history of the State League.

He was top scorer in the league in 1972 and 1974.

Armstrong played Scottish junior league football with Renfrew for two years before coming to Australia in 1966 to join Hakoah.

He switched from there to Hellas for $5000 in 1970 and it was in that year that he first represented Australia in the Friendship Cup tournament in Vietnam.

He was also in the national squad on its 1972 Asian tour.

Steve Walker turned professional in Scotland with Arthurlie and later played for Kilsyth Rangers before coming to Melbourne to join Essendon Lions in 1965.

He was a left half then but he was moved to centre half when Frank Schwartz, the stalwart Lions defender, was injured.

It was Walker who was responsible for bringing Jimmy Rooney and Jimmy Smart to Australia.

While on holidays in Scotland in 1967, Walker talked to Rooney and Smart about the conditions in Australia and the two Scots left on the boat that followed Walker's.

With Rooney in midfield and Smart in attack, Lions finished fifth in 1968, whereas it had been third last in 1967, and second last in 1966 and 1965.

Yet Lions had some good players in those days, Peter Aldis, ex-Aston Villa, was Walker's twin centre back, and in 1965 Mike de Bruyckere was player-coach.

Walker won Lions' best and fairest award in 1966 and 1967 before being sold to Hellas in December, 1969 for $3000.

Since then he has been one of the key players in the Hellas team. In fact, another champion, Frank Micic, has long rated Walker as one of the finest centre backs in Australia.

—LAURIE SCHWAB

Jim Armstrong (right) heads goalwards, past Derek Bailey of Mooroolbark.

Murney's Wests beat Rovers

Most ties in the Victorian Cumberland Cup went more or less according to known form, but in the West fancied Albion Rovers went down to Western Suburbs, much to the delight of Wests' coach Hugh Murney.

Unknown quantity Footscray J.U.S.T. won their second tie in Geelong, beating Hamlyn Rangers this time, while Keilor City and St Albans won as expected.

In the East, Cup-holders Box Hill won easily against Caulfield City, but apparently are quite unconcerned about publicity, as we are unable to ascertain their goal scorers.

They aren't on their own in that regard, of course. The same criticism can justifiably be levelled at several other clubs who will want to see their result printed, but don't supply the details.

South Dandenong pulled off the surprise of the South section, beating Fourth Division Sandringham City 2-1 in a replay, the first game having been abandoned because of poor light.

South Melbourne Hellas' Federation side suffered the same fate as Fitzroy Alexander's in the first round, going down to Provisional League Fawkner.

EAST.

Waverley City beat South Yarra 3-1 in extra time after a full time score of 1-1.

Goal scorers Ryan (60th) South Yarra, Cooper (70th) Waverley, McCulloch (100th) Waverley, Katz pen, (105th) Waverley.

WEST.

Western Suburbs beat Albion Rovers on a very heavy ground with a goal scored in the 35th minute by Greek international **Bourdaras.**

Albion's best chance came when **Rea's** shot stuck in the muddy goalmouth, but the West goalie was able to clear.

SOUTH.

Doveton officials weren't happy at the V.S.F's decree that they play their tie at Yallourn on a week night, since it deprived them of the services of five first-team players, but they won nevertheless, with goals by Steve Gaw and Kevin Taylor.

NORTH.

Broadmeadows, after beating Alexander the week before, were full of confidence for their game against old rivals Port Melbourne, but found the Port too good.

Liakipoulos scored the only goal for Port, but **Dennis Pace,** the Broadmeadows goalie, played an outstanding game to keep the score down.

Cumberland Cup Results, Second Round.

WEST: Western Suburbs 1, Albion Rovers 0; Ballarat 0; Keilor City 1; Hamlyn Rangers 0; Footscray 2; Williamstown 0; StAlbans 2;

EAST. Mooroolbark 2; Bulleen 1; Waverley City 3; South Yarra 1; Knox City 0; Springvale C 3; Caulfield C 1; Box Hill 6.

SOUTH. Mornington 1, Moorabbin 3; Frankston Pines 0, Dandenong City; 2; Sth Dandenong 2. Sandringham 1; Yallourn 1; Doveton 2;

NORTH: Collingwood 1; Richmond 0; Port Melbourne 1; Broadmeadows 0; Fawkner 2; Sth Melbourne 1; Prahran City 1; Carlton 1 (2-2 AET,Carlton 6-5 on penalties)

THIRD ROUND DRAW.

Matches to be played between March 2 & 5

WEST: Western Suburbs v Keilor City, Footscray v St.Albans.

EAST: Mooroolbark v Waverley City. Springvale C v Box Hill.

SOUTH: Moorabbin v Dandenong City. South Dandenong v Doveton.

NORTH: Collingwood C v. Port Melbourne. Fawkner v Carlton.

93 vie for State Cup

Hard on the heels of the Cumberland Cup comes the Preliminary Round of the Dockerty Cup, to be contested by a record 93 clubs from the Industrial, District, Provisional and Metropolitan Leagues.

There will be 29 ties and 35 byes, giving 64 survivors for the first round.

After the second round, there will be 16 survivors, and these will be joined by the State League 12 plus the four seeded First Division clubs, in last season's finishing order — namely — Box Hill, Albion Rovers, Waverley City and Croydon City.

The draw for the preliminary round, to be played on Saturday, March 12, is as follows:

South Melbourne v Royal Park, Park Rangers v Ford Falcons, Hamlyn Rangers v Carlton, Hampton v Tarax, Morwell Falcons v Boronia, Sunbury United v South Yarra, Sandown v Fitzroy United, Moreland v Port Melbourne, Clarinda v Gladstone Park, North Melbourne v Essendon City, Monash (Latrobe Valley) v Keysborough, Reyrolle v West Melbourne, Western Suburbs v Moe (Latrobe Valley), East Brunswick v Hotham United, Hawksburn v Pegasus, Fibre Containers v Coburg, Wills v Wiltons, Thomastown v Doveton, Yallourn v Nunawading City, Diecraft v Werribee, Crescent United v Fawkner, Melton v Ringwood United, Keilor City v Sandringham City, Cheltenham v Ardeer, Williamstown v Langwarrin, Doncaster Rovers v Rosanna, Monbulk v Croxton, Ballarat v Traralgon (Latrobe Valley), Rosebud v Hawthorn.

Byes: RMIT, Central Altona, Dandenong City, Mornington, Collier Watson, Clayton, University of Melbourne, Mooroolbark United, Bell Park, Ansett, Repco Richmond, Heidelberg, Keilor, CIG, Prahran City, Footscray, St Albans, Noble Park, Frankston Pines, Kensington United, Caulfield City, Geelong, McColl, Knox City, Broadmeadows City, Richmond, Melbourne, Carnegie, Clifton Hill, Springvale City, Bosch, South Dandenong, Collingwood City, Ferntree Gully and Burnley.

Peninsula Cup

Fawkner and Ringwood will meet in the final of the Victorian Peninsula Cup at Olympic Park, Rosebud, at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Fawkner won its semi-final against Nunawading on penalties at the weekend while Ringwood beat Rosebud 2-0.

Nunawading and Fawkner were tied at 2-2 after full time and 3-3 after extra time. After penalties, the final score was 7-6 for Fawkner.

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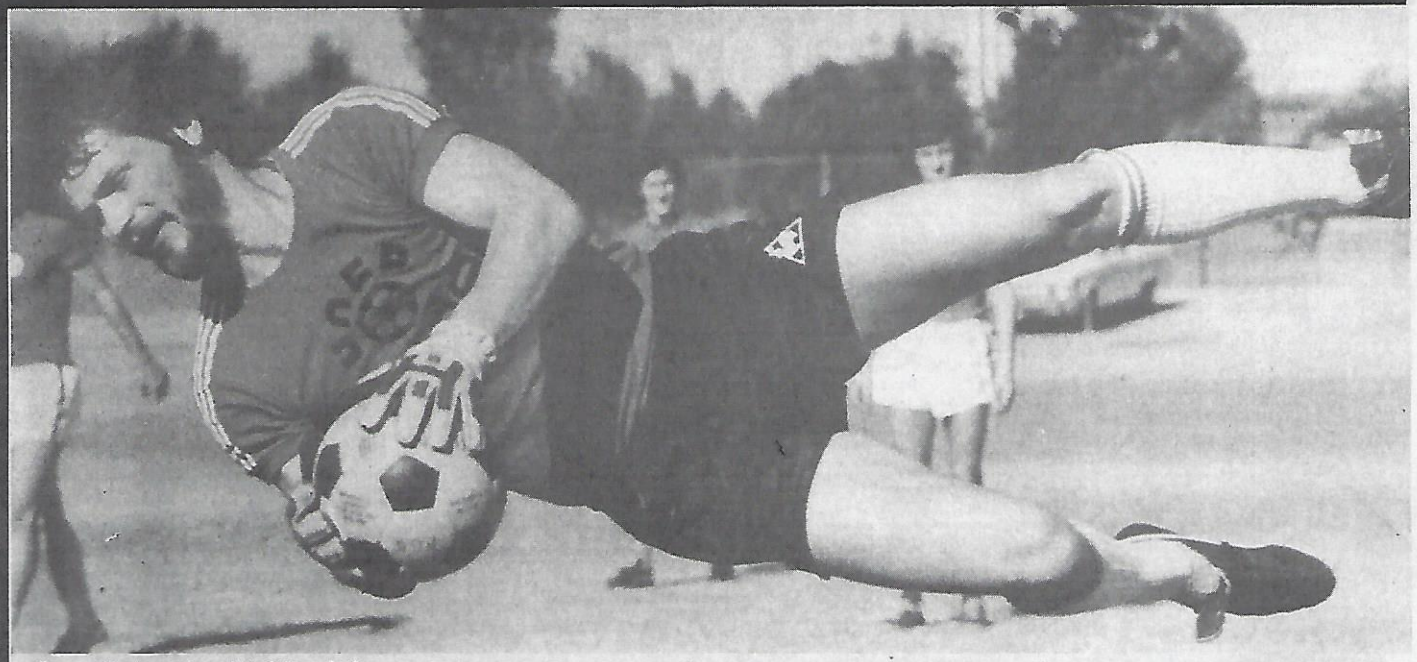


Enver Maric pictured training during his visit to Melbourne with Velez Mostar.

World Cup standings

Latest standings in the European World Cup qualifying groups:

GROUP ONE

Cyprus 1 Denmark 5; Portugal 0 Poland 2; Denmark 5 Cyprus 0; Portugal 1 Denmark 0; Cyprus 1 Portugal 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P.
Denmark	3	2	0	1	10	2	4
Poland	2	2	0	0	7	0	4
Portugal	3	2	0	1	3	3	4
Cyprus	4	0	0	4	2	17	0

GROUP TWO

Finland 1 England 4; Finland 7 Luxembourg 1; England 2 Finland 1; Luxembourg 1 Italy 4; Italy 2 England 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Italy	2	2	0	0	6	1	4
England	3	2	0	1	6	4	4
Finland	3	1	0	2	9	7	2
Luxemb.	2	0	0	2	2	11	0

GROUP THREE

Turkey 4 Malta 0; East Germany 1 Turkey 1; Malta 0 Austria 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Turkey	2	1	1	0	5	1	3
Austria	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
East Germ.	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Malta	2	0	0	2	0	5	0

GROUP FOUR

Iceland 0 Belgium 1; Iceland 0 Holland 1; Holland 2 Northern Ireland 2; Belgium 2 Northern Ireland 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Belgium	2	2	0	0	3	0	4
Holland	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
Nth Irel'd	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Iceland	2	0	0	2	0	2	0

GROUP FIVE

Bulgaria 2 France 2; France 2 Eire 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P.
France	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
Bulgaria	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Eire	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

GROUP SIX

Sweden 2 Norway 0; Norway 1 Switzerland 0; Switzerland 1 Sweden 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sweden	2	2	0	0	4	1	4
Norway	2	1	0	1	1	2	2
Switzerl'd	2	0	0	2	1	3	0

GROUP SEVEN

Czechoslovakia 2 Scotland 0; Scotland 1 Wales 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Czech.	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Scotland	2	1	0	1	1	2	2
Wales	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

GROUP EIGHT

Spain 1 Yugoslavia 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Spain	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Rumania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yugoslavia	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

GROUP NINE

Greece 1 Hungary 1.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hungary	1	0	1	0	1	1
Greece	1	0	1	0	1	1
USSR	0	0	0	0	0	0

(Winner of Group Nine will have to play home and away against the third-placed team from South America).

Miljanic to quit Madrid

It is 99.9 per cent certain that Miljan Miljanic (pictured) will quit his job as manager of Real Madrid at the end of the season.

His successor could be chief talent scout **Luis Molowny.**

However, it's anyone's guess where Miljanic will go.

Last year it was rumored that he would join Arsenal in England.

Bobby Moore in the strip of San Antonio Thunder.

Club moves to Hawaii

San Antonio Thunder — Bobby Moore's American team of 1976 — has moved to Honolulu.

The club is now called Team Hawaii and will represent the entire island chain.

Team Hawaii will play at the Aloha Stadium — colors of the club are gold, blue and green and have been selected as "they depict the easy way of life on the islands."

Astro-turf would be disastrous: Macdonald

Most professionals don't like artificial turf, says Arsenal's star striker Malcolm Macdonald.

Macdonald, who has trained on the Astro-turf pitch at Islington in North London, said: "Not one of the Arsenal lads is happy about it. If they introduced pitches like this into the Football League, the crowds would drop and so would the standard of football."

"Supermac" explained: "These pitches create a stand-up game with little physical contact and British crowds wouldn't like it.

"The surface is constantly hard, which makes the ball bounce very high and you are not able to kill the ball absolutely dead.

"There's no way you can slide-tackle on them, and as for goalkeepers — their hips would be black and blue from one week to the next diving on this stuff."

Germans shocked by France

PARIS, — France had a shock 1-0 victory over West Germany in a friendly international here last week. (Half time 0-0).

Scorer: Oliver Royer (52 mins)

Attendance 46,002.

Political 'out' for USSR

If the USSR and Chile have to meet in a World Cup play-off match, as they did in 1973, the game will be on neutral soil instead of on a two-legged basis.

Four years ago the Russians refused to play in Santiago for political reasons and were disqualified from the 1974 finals.

Shoe's on the other foot now

LONDON, — Derby County, which sacked manager Dave Mackay two months ago, has failed in a bid to get back its former manager Brian Clough, who in 1972 steered Derby to the English League championship.

Clough left Derby three years ago after the First Division club had tried to curb his outspoken television and newspaper comments.

But last week Derby approached Clough's present club, second division Nottingham Forest, and offered him his old job back.

Derby was confident of succeeding but Clough, who in recent months has shunned publicity, turned the club down.

Derby, which appointed coach Colin Murphy as manager after Mackay's sacking, is struggling at the bottom of Division One, while Nottingham Forest is sixth in Division Two.

—AAP Reuter

Maric in Germany: he had to learn all over again

It's Wednesday, June 26, 1974, and Yugoslavia and West Germany face each other in a second round World Cup match in Duesseldorf.

In goal for the guests from the Balkans is **Enver Maric** of Mostar. He brings the German forwards almost to the point of desperation with his acrobatic antics, but he can't prevent goals by **Paul Breitner** and **Gerd Mueller.**

West Germany wins 2-0.

At the end of the finals, Maric, who has played in all of Yugoslavia's six games and conceded seven goals, has emerged as one of the best goalkeepers in the world.

It's Saturday, August 14, 1976. At the Parkstadion in Gelsenkirchen, Schalke 04 is facing Werder Bremen in the opening game of the West German national league season 1976/7.

In Schalke's goal is none other than Enver Maric. On April 23, he had turned 28 and a little later he had transferred to Schalke for $250,000.

He seems nervous, apprehensive, fidgety, but Schalke wins 3-2.

The Yugoslav national team goalkeeper plays also against Kaiserslautern, Rot-Weiss Essen and Eintracht Frankfurt, but he cannot justify the club's high hopes in him.

Eventually he becomes such a high risk factor that coach Friedel Rausch decides to replace the man from Mostar and transfer his trust to Hans-Guenter Schubert, 21.

Schubert clicks and Maric stands offside. He no longer understands the world, for never before has he sat on the reserves' bench. What's more, he is suffering this embarrassment in a foreign land, surrounded by people whose language he does not speak.

A new beginning — Maric goes through the basics with Schalke coach Friedl Rausch.

He had come to show off his skills in the West German Bundesliga and to earn money. He left Mostar earning $700 a month. At Schalke his income is more than double that. As far as that goes, the calculations of Maric the professional bank clerk add up nicely.

However, it is demoralising for him when coach Rausch takes him back through the basics of goalkeeping at training sessions.

Rausch says: "There was nothing left for me to do. The reflexes and temperament of Maric were excellent but he did have various faults. For example, he had difficulty in punching out high balls and he wasn't really robust enough to 'attack' oncoming forwards in the penalty area.

"As he said himself, he had never experienced power play of the type that hit us in our 3-6 loss in Frankfurt."

Clearly, Maric had never imagined that acclimitisation and integration could be so difficult.

Earlier, on June 5, Maric had been jubilant when his friend "Brane" (Branko Oblak) had rung him with the news that he was to leave Mostar and come to Schalke.

He rushed to Split and in no time at all was sitting in the private plane of Schalke patron **Vladimir Korosec,** flying over the Alps towards a new goal and a new life.

Korosec and Oblak had remained friends with the 1.8 metre, 75 kilo Moslem from Mostar, although both resided in Gelsenkirchen.

Now Maric, too, lives with his wife **Mirella** and sons **Theo,** 5, and **Leo,** 3, in a flat in Gelsenkirchen. It's in the same building that housed **Max Merkel** and the **Kremers** twins and which is still home for **Helmut Kremers.**

The house belongs to Schalke supporter **Karl-Heinz Neumann.** When **"Charley's** around there's never a dull moment — which is good news for the family from Herzegowina, the dull, mountainous country between Bosnia and Dalmatia.

Enver Maric, who drives a silver Mercedes 280, is over his bad times now, being hailed as one of West Germany's finest goalkeepers. However, even during those bad days, he did not complain.

On the contrary, "Everyone's good to me. President, trainer, comrades, all, all. No problems. Also food is good. Much fruit and vegetables, much vitamins."

If the change was hard for Enver, it was twice as hard for his wife, **Mirella.** The young lady hardly dared leave the house, so Enver's Yugoslav friends had an idea.

They brought over Maric's father, Achmed, a pensioner, to boost the family's morale. After that, Enver and Mirella shook off their inhibitions.

They felt at home now.

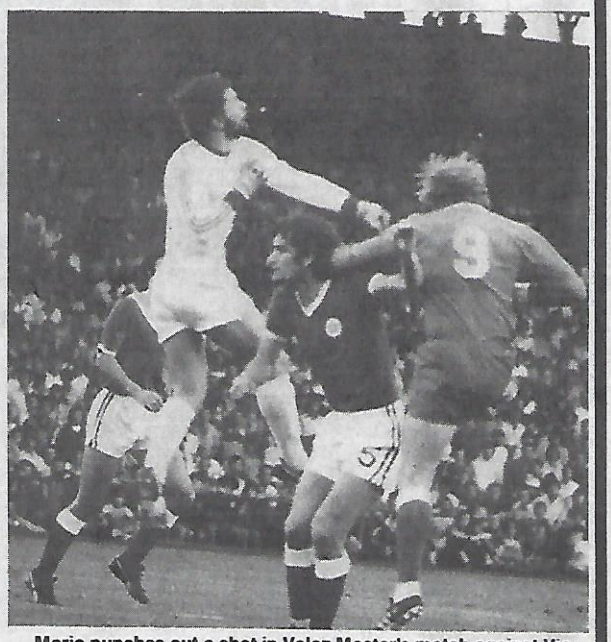
The man with the moustache who loves classical music and photography and who stays in close touch with his mother **Djusa** and brothers **Kuso,** 37, and **Juso,** 30, could now concentrate properly on his football.

Quickly he fought off the shadow of his famous predecessor **Norbert Nigbur** and then set about dislodging Schubert from the goalkeeper's position he had handed over to him.

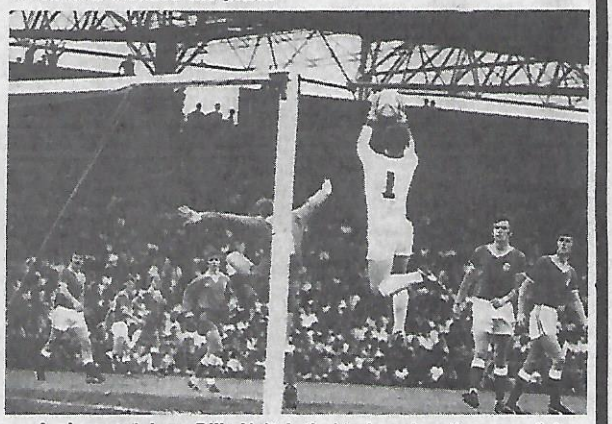
It didn't take long.

The man who toured Melbourne and Sydney with Velez Mostar early in 1976 is on top of the world again.

Perhaps we'll see him back in Australia one day—— this time not with Velez but with Schalke 04. **—From "Fussball Woche."**

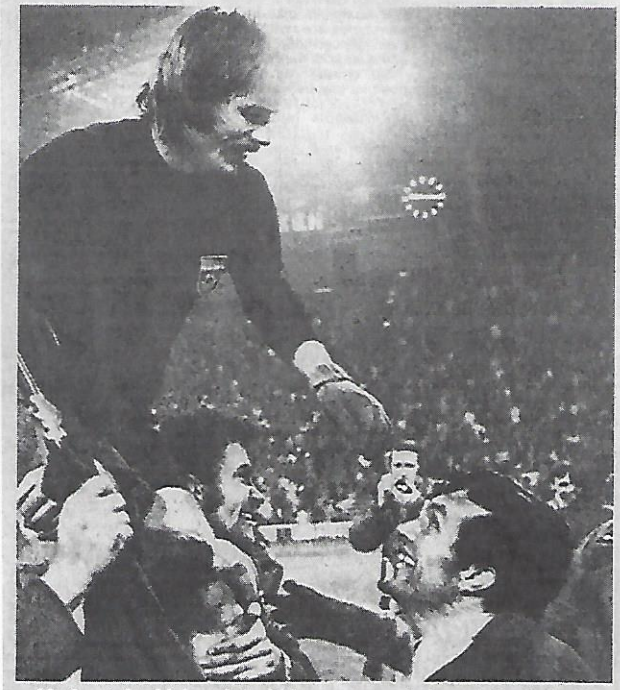


Maric punches out a shot in Velez Mostar's match against Victoria at Olympic Park last year. The game was abandoned at 2-2 when fans invaded the pitch.



A clean catch as Billy Vojtek (behind goalpost) comes flying in. Left of Vojtek is Victorian team mate Mendo Ristorski.

Maric is horizontal in mid-air as he plucks the ball off the head of Wales forward Brian Flynn in a European championship quarter final last year.



Maric at the high point of his career — being chaired off after Yugoslavia's 1-0 victory over West Germany in their international on May 9, 1973, in Munich.

Italian scores

Italian First Division results: Roma 1, Torino 0; Juventus 1, Foggia 0; Fiorentina 1, A. C. Milan 1; Inter-Milan 0, Verona 0; Napoli 1, Genoa 1; Bologna 1, Lazio 0; Perugia 1, Cesena 0; Sampdoria 3, Catanzaro 1.

Greek scores

Results of Greek First Division games: Atromitos, Panathinaikos 1-1, Yannina, Aris 1-1, Iraklis, Panserraikos 0-0, Kavala, Ofi 3-0, Panaitolikos, Olympiakos 0-0, Panachaiki, Apollon 0-0, Panionios, Paok 0-0, Aek, Pierikos 2-2, Ethnikos, Kastoria 1-1.

Olympiakos and Paok head the table with 34 points each, followed by Panathinaikos and Aek with 32 points each, and Aris with 26 points.

German scores

West German First Division results: Borussia Moenchengladbach 0, FC Kaiserslautern 0; Schalke 04 2, Eintracht Brunswick 3; FC Saarbruecken 2, Eintracht Frankfurt 2; Karlsrueher SC 1, Rot Weiss Essen 1; Hamburger SV 1, Fortuna Duesseldorf 1; MSV Duisburg 3, Werder Bremen 0; Hertha BSC Berlin 3, Borussia Dortmund 2; Bayern Munich 1, VFL Bochum 1; FC Cologne 8, Tennis Borussia Berlin 4.

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Cumberland Cup action — Waverley City's Dave McCulloch slides in to score the winner against Croydon goalkeeper Edwards.

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Tri utakmica za 24 sata

Sticajem okolnosti mladi tim JUST-a, koji ce se takmiciti u drugoj diviziji Melburna, odigrao je tri utakmice za 24 sata. U subotu su PLAVI pobedili u drugom kolu Cumberland Cupa borbeni tim Hamlyn Rangersa sa 2:0 (2:0). Potpomognuti vetrom i boljom tehnickom igrom "plavi" su postigli dva gola u prvom poluvremenu preko Ivice Karica i Mise Ristica. Posle odmora dolazi do izrazaja bolja kondicija domaceg tima, koji koristi jak vetar, ali je JUST-ov gol branio nesavladivi Djordje Stefanides. Odbranio je najmanje cetiri sigurna gola, pa je prema tome najzasluzniji, pored Acevskog, sto se JUST plasirao u trece kolo. Po prezimenu mnogi ce reci da je Stefanides Grk, ali nije. Rodjen je u mestu Lug, usred Srema, pa je prema tome neka vrsta Lale.

Sastav JUST-a: Stefanides, Grbac (T Petrevski) Mikulcic, Stojcveski, Acevcki, Karic, Talevski, Gelevski, Ristic, P. Peterski, Tomic.

U nedelju oko i sat po podne skoro isti sastav JUST-a igrao je protiv Port Melburna za Letnji Kup iako su "plavi" nadigrali protivnika utakmica se zavrsila 2:2. Strelci: Petko Tomic i Peter Petreski. Sastav JUST-a Stefanides, Karic, Mikulcic, Aceski (Markovic), Stojcevski, Petreski T. (Jovanovski), Teleski (Kovac), Gelevski (Plsevski), Ristc (Belic), P. Petrevski, Tomic.

Pravo sa ove utakmice, sa pola sata odmora, mladi tim JUST-a je nastupio protiv Alexandra koga je pobedio sa 4:2 (4:0). Posle sjajne igre u prvom poluvremenu umor je savladao plave momke, ali su ipak imali snage da sacuvaju pobed. Najlepsi je gol dao tome Petrevski u 10. minutu, a za njim je Misa Ristic postigao dva, dok je cetvrti dao Vlada Nikolic glavom, posto je Cele Talevski idealno centrirao. Sastav JUST-a: Stefanidis, Dimcevcki-mecka (Karic), Mikulcic, Peterski T. Aceski, Stojcevski, Talevski, Zoraja (Belic), Ristic, Gelevski (P. Petrevski), Nikolic (Pisevski).

U subotu, 12. marta mladi tim JUST-a igra protiv St. Albansa za Cumberland Cup. Pocetak u 3 sata po podne na JUST+ovom Igralistu.

Proba juniora

Posto zabunom Alexander nije doveo juniore, trener JUST-a Pepe Dugino je izveo dva JUSTova podmladka. Decaci ispod 13 godina pobedili su momke ispod 15 godina sa 3:0. Strelci: Dragan Trkulja, Miki Cvetkovski i Stojce Dimovski. Ovo je bila odlicna proba za juniore JUST-a ispod 13 godina, jer vec iduce subote pre podne igraju za juniorski Ampol Kup protiv Overporta na Middle Parku. Pocetak u 10,15 sati.

Carlton na penale

U drugom kolu Cumberland Kupa, Carlton je savladao lakusnji tim Prahran City, ali tek posle prodzetka na penale. Carlton je igrao tehnicki bolje, stvorio zrelije sanse, jedino je navala bila neiskusna, sto se da lako popraviti. U regularnom vremenu rezultat je bio 1:1, a posle produzetka od pola sata 2:2. Strelci: Nikolic i Djordjevic, onda se tukle sa bele tacke, pa su bolji zivci igraca Carlton/Srbije pobedili Prahran sa 6:4. Strelci iz penala: Velickovic, Dodig, Nikolic, Stojiljovic. Sastav Carltona: Seles, Krnic, Ceranic, Djordjevic, Dodig, Miljatovic, Nikolic, Bjelogrlic, Stojiljovic, Velickovic, Pekic.

Inter bez srece

U zelji da se satane sa JUST-om u 3. kolu Cumberland Kupa, Inter iz Williamstown-a je zalgrao igru zivota. U svemu je bio bolji od domacina St. Albansa, jedino se pred golom usepriljao svaki mavalni igrac "belih". Medjutim, St. Albans je iskoristio dve greske odbrane Intera u drugom poluvremenu i pobedio sa 2:0 (0:0). Sastav Intera: Mic Karafill, Zarko Stefanovic, Janko Dovic, Milorad Mitosavljevic, Mirko Beker, Franjo Drozdel (Dragan Janjic), Ljubo Brajic (Dragi Milovic), Dragisa Pantic, Marko Ivanovic, Zvonko Bartol, Andy Dovic.

Ampol Kup u Melburnu

Drugi poraz Makedonije u Ampol Kupu ostavio je malo nade da se "crveno-crni" plasiraju u polufinale, sto ce biti velika materijalna steta za ovo takmicenje. Na drugo ji strani dva gola Ivice Grulcica obezbedili su Llon/Essendonu (Croatia) prvo mesto u grupi, a mozda i osvajanje samog Ampol Kupa. Posto mi niko ne pruza obavestenja ogranicavam se na ovih nekoliko redova.

Uspesni turniri u Jugoslaviji

Za vreme zimskog odmora u Evropi okupe se u Jugoslaviji najbolje evropske ekipe, uglavnom na plavom Jadranu. Jugoslovenski klubovi to koriste za priredjivanje turnira od kojih su najpopularniji: Trofej Sjevernog Jadrana, Trofej Marjana, Trofej Mostara i Titograda. Na svima su trijumfovali domaci timovi. Ali najveci je uspeh postignut u Splitu, gde je Hajduk svladao Dinama sa 3:0 i Ajaksa sa 1:0, a Dinamo Ajaksa sa 4:0.

Geelong, finale: CROATIA-makedonija 3:1

A view from the junior ranks
BY LEIF JENSEN

Kids offered cash to switch clubs

I have heard on the grapevine that certain clubs are offering under 16 boys money to come and play for their club. If this is true I think it should be investigated and the people responsible severely reprimanded or fined.

To me this is very bad news and I would like to hear from anyone who can prove this to be true. How about it?

Good luck to Melbourne, whose senior team has at least found a ground.

Melbourne will play all senior games at its new ground which is Lord Reserve in Carnegie, corner Lyons Street and Moira Avenue.

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Ian Low is finding it hard to get coaches for the regional squads in the Lalor region. Surely someone in this region can help Ian. He is a hard-working man for junior soccer, so come on, you coaches in that area you can write to Ian at 2 Thompson Street, Avondale Heights.

Struck "Uncle George" coming down the stairs in Soccer House the other day carrying a load of chairs under his arms. I think that by now the only thing I haven't seen George Wallace do is sweeping out the old place.

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Don't forget the Ampol Junior Cup rounds start Saturday, March 5.

Some good soccer should be seen in these rounds. The finals will be on April 2.

Oops, nearly forgot to tell you where the rounds are being played. They will take place at Middle Park's outside grounds. See you there.

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"Soccer Action" is now looking for news for the junior section of the paper. Photos and general news about teams, clubs or individual boys is what we are looking for, so get busy and let's fill up a couple of pages with junior news.

Also, tell your boys to buy the paper. We have a terrific soccer paper at last so let's make sure we keep it going!

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Watched the International match at Olympic Park the other night. No comment except that if our juniors played soccer like that, I would shoot myself.

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Speaking to a few coaches from junior clubs who complain that their secretaries are not giving them enough information about what is happening.

So come, you men, don't let that be said. It is part of your job to keep all your people informed. Why not photostat and pass around any news that you get?

ISRAELI BAN IS DENIED BY VSF

The Victorian Soccer Federation has denied it "banned" a proposed welcome function for the Israel national team.

In a letter to **Mr. William Grafman**, secretary of the Australian Friends of Tel Aviv University, which wanted to put on the reception, the VSF wrote:

"On Friday evening, as hosts the Israeli national team, the Victorian Soccer Federation is entertaining their officials to a dinner, which is the normal custom of this federation to any visiting teams.

"On Saturday, the team is due to play Australia and as stated, they depart from Melbourne on Sunday.

"As you will see, the availability of the Israeli national team is very limited and it is the custom of the Victorian Soccer Federation not to commit a touring side to any engagements unless we have received permission to so commit them."

Players sought

Greensborough is looking for more players for its first season in the Provisional League.

They will be in good company, among such men as coach Neil Love and Howard Ellis, winner of the best player awards for District League North last year.

Alexander game to help Jim

Fitzroy Alexander and Prahran Slavia will play a full scale practice game on Sunday, March 6, at the Melbourne Showgrounds at 3p.m.

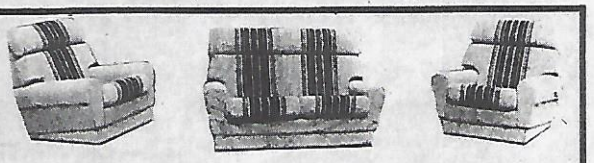
Alexander, which scored a great 3-0 victory recently over Hellas, is in top form and with its new signings Jim Tansey and Jim O'Reilly — both from Slavia — will be hard to beat.

Slavia is one of the leaders in the Ampol Cup and has potentially the most dangerous forward line in State League soccer, with Carl Gilder, David Ripley and Mick O'Halloran all in goal hungry form.

Both Alexander and Slavia are treating this game as a serious practice match and no favors will be given by either team.

Slavia's president **Peter Collins M.L.A.** said part of the proceeds from this game will go to **Jimmy Train** (pictured) who is approaching his 200th game with Slavia.

Because of his outstanding loyalty to Slavia, the club is giving him a testimonial year to show its appreciation.



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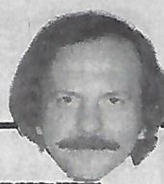

PETER GEORGIOU of the 'Hellenic Herald'

ΛΟΙΠΟΝ ΚΥΡΙΕ ΣΩΛΝΤΕΡ;

"Εντεκα δεθνεῖς ἀγῶνες χωρὶς νίκη γιά μία ἐθνική ὁμάδα εἶναι ὁπωσδήποτε ἀριθμὸς πού θά ἔβαζε σὲ πολύ σοβαρὲς σκέψεις τόν προπονητή της.

"Εντεκα ἀγῶνες πρίν ἀπό τούς προκριματικούς τοῦ Παγκοσμίου Κυπέλλου χωρίς ἱκανοποιητικό ἀποτέλεσμα —μαζί μὲ τίς ἰσοπαλίες— θά ἔκανε κάθε προπονητή νά νοιώθη τόν σεισμό κάτω ἀπό τά πόδια του καί ἄν τελικά ἄνοιγε ἡ γῆ νά τόν καταπιῆ ἴσως θὰ εὕρησκε σάν τήν πιό πρακτική λύση στὸ πρόβλημά του.

"Αλλος πάλι θά ἔβαζε τήν ταμπελίτσα τοῦ «κώουτς» μέσα στὶς βαλίτσες του καί θά ἔφευγε νύκτα.

Καί ὅμως θά πρέπει νά παραδεχθοῦμε τήν ἐπιμονή τοῦ προπονητοῦ τῆς ἐθνικῆς Αὐστραλίας κ. Σώλντερ νά διατηρεῖ τό χαμόγελό του καί τήν αἰσιοδοξία του ἀκόμη καί ὅταν τά περιθώρια ἔχουν ἀρχίσει νά μικραίνουν κατά ἐπικίνδυνο τρόπο.

«Θά τούς σφαγιάσουμε» εἶχε δηλώσει, ἐννοώντας τήν Ν. Ζηλανδία ὕστερα ἀπό τήν κάπως ἱκανοποιητική ἀπόδοση τῆς ὁμάδος κατά τοῦ 'Ισραήλ στόν ἀγῶνα τῆς Μελβούρνης στόν ὁποῖο καί πάλι δὲν νίκησε ὅπως δὲν νίκησε καί στούς ἑπόμενους ἀγῶνες της κλείνοντας αἰδίως ἕνα πρόγραμμα ἕντεκα ἀγώνων χωρὶς νίκη.

Γιά νά γίνουν δέ τά πράγματα πιό ἀπαισιόδοξα, ἀνακοινώθηκε ἐπισήμως τήν περασμένη ἑβδομάδα ἡ σύνθεση τῆς ἐθνικῆς ὁμάδας γιά τούς προκριματικούς τοῦ Παγκοσμίου Κυπέλλου. Ἡ ἴδια ἀκριβῶς σύνθεση ἡ ὁποία δὲν κατάφερε νά κερδίση κανέναν ἀγῶνα ἀπό τούς ἀντιπάλους της σὲ ἕντεκα παιγνίδια. Οἱ ἴδιοι παῖκτες οἱ ὁποῖοι, ἐκτὸς ἀπό ὡρισμένες ἐξαιρέσεις, δέν παρουσίασαν τίποτα πού νά δικαιολογῆ τήν συμμετοχή τους στὴν ἐθνική ὁμάδα.

Τό εἶχε δηλώσει καί ὁ κ. Σώλντερ στὴ Μελβούρνη ὅτι δὲν ἐπρόκειτο νά κάνη ἀλλαγὲς. Καμμιά προσπάθεια λοιπὸν γιά ἀναθεώρηση σχεδίου, καμμιά προσπάθεια γιά νά βρεθῆ τό «ἀδύνατο σημεῖο» —ἴσως εἶναι ἤδη γνωστὸ στούς ἰθύνοντες— καί ἐν τῷ μεταξύ ὅλοι μας περιμένουμε μιά κάποια ἐνέργεια.

'Εν τῷ μεταξύ καλῶς πληροφορημένοι κύκλοι ἀναφέρουν ὅτι ὁ κ. Σώλντερ ἤδη ἔχει διαπραγματευθῆ τήν πρόσληψή του ἀπό ὁμάδα τετάρτης κατηγορίας στὴν 'Αγγλία. 'Οπωσδήποτε αὐτὸ εἶναι ἕνα μεγάλο βῆμα πρὸς τά... πίσω γιά ἕναν προπονητή ἐθνικῆς ὁμάδος.

ΛΟΙΠΟΝ ΚΥΡΙΕ ΣΩΛΝΤΕΡ; Ποῦ βαδίζετε μ' αὐτήν τήν ὁμάδα; Τί εἶναι αὐτό πού σᾶς κάνει νά πιστεύετε ὅτι θά σφαγιάσετε τήν Ν. Ζηλανδία καί γιά νά φτάσουμε στὸ ζενίθ τῆς αὐταπάτης. Τί εἶναι αὐτό πού σᾶς κάνει νά πιστεύετε ὅτι ἡ Αὐστραλία θά πάη στὴν 'Αργεντινή; Οἱ εὔκολοι ἀντίπαλοι; "Ενα τυχερό γκόλ; "Ισως.

Αὐτά ὅμως δὲν κάνουν μιά ἐθνική ὁμάδα αὐτή πού πρέπει νά εἶναι δηλαδή ἡ ἀντιπροσωπευτική ὁμάδα μιᾶς χώρας. Οἱ ἀποδόσεις της δὲν εἶναι ἡ πραγματική εἰκόνα τοῦ ποδοσφαίρου στὴν Αὐστραλία.

"Υπάρχει κ. Σώλντερ ἀρκετό ὑλικό στὴν Αὐστραλία γιά νά δώση νέο αἷμα στὴν ἐθνική ὁμάδα. Πότε θά δοκιμάσετε αὐτό τό ὑλικό; "Αν ὑπάρχουν ἰδιαίτεροι λόγοι πού ἐμποδίζουν νά κάνετε τήν δουλειά σας ὅπως ἐσεῖς θέλετε τότε νά τούς ἀναφέρετε δημοσίως. "Αν ὄχι τότε θά ἦταν καλό νά δοθῆ ἡ εὐκαιρία σέ ἕναν ἄλλον προπονητή νά δείξη τίς γνώσεις καί τίς ἱκανότητές του προτοῦ ἡ ἐθνική Αὐστραλίας καταντήσει τό κλωτσοσκούφι ἄλλων ὁμάδων.

Π. Γεωργίου

ZAMORA BEST-EVER GOALIE

STEPHEN KALUS

A list of the world's best ever goalkeepers was published recently by the daily Polish sport publication "Sport".

Naturally topping the list was the pre-war famous Spaniard Richardo Zamora who represented Spain from 1920 until 1936.

Francisko Planicka (Czechoslovakia) was next, followed by Coneli Oliveri (Italy), Plattko also Italy, Van De Henlen (Holland), Jacob Cress (Germany) Ballabia (Switzerland), and Hibbs (England).

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The expected tour of a top Polish team at the of the 1977 season will be sponsored by Polish travel firms in each State.

The secretary of the ASF, Mr. Brian Le Fevre, will soon be notified that the following Polish firms are ready to sponsor a polish team: Contal'Melbourne, Delta-Sydney, "Globus"-Adelaide and "Echo"-Perth.

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Can soccer look forward to bigger and better things when an Australia-wide league kicks off in April? Will the State Federations be able to meet the challenge and show further progress without the aristocracy of Australian soccer?

Those and many other questions, as well as administration problems were discussed at a gathering of members of the Australian Soccer Press Association held at the Vineyard Restaurant recently.

Questions were fired to the manager of the Philips Australian League John Frank, guest speaker at the meeting.

Although John could not always answer directly and fully satisfy the audience, he cleared several issues regarding the start of the Philips League, relationship with State federations, clearance problems of players and other matters.

But what was most important Mr. Frank proved once more to be a top public relations man offering help to the media at any time, even after business hours.

John admitted that the Philips League, like any other new bodies will have to experiment for at least 2 years.

Among the delegates of the Victorian Philips League clubs was Dr Jim Drakopoulos of South Melbourne Hellas, a most outspoken new public relations man for the Middle Parkers.

JUST was represented by its president, Tony Kovac, Zika Nikolic and Fitzroy-Alexander's delegate was Steve Williams. Frank White represented the Olympic Park Management Committee.

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The Polish Football Association (PZPN) has a new president, Mr. Edward Sznajder who has replaced Mr Maj. Mr George Piatkowski is in charge of overseas tours.

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Footscray-JUST, after losing last week to Marconi is speeding up negotiations to import 4 top players from Yugoslavia.

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Soon after the end of the Ampol Cup series, a round table conference will take place in Melbourne between the State League management committee and the media.

Spaniard Ricardo Zamora (right) — world's best-ever goalkeeper, with another all-time great, Frantisek Planicka of Czechoslovakia.

Several problems arose when J.U.S.T., Hellas, Alexander and Mooroolbark left the State League and certain decisions will have to be made regarding promotion, public relations and administration of the clubs.

Lack of communication between most of the State League clubs and the media is one of the biggest problems soccer is facing at present in Victoria.

Clubs are urged to appoint public relations and publicity offers to boost the promotion of soccer.

'Roos to leave March 9

The members of the Australian Squad, preparing for World Cup matches against Taiwan in Fiji on March 13 and 16, will assemble at the Camperdown Travelodge, Missenden Road, Camperdown, on Monday, March 7 at 9.30a.m.

The team will depart from Sydney for Nadi, Fiji, on Wednesday, March 9 at 2100 hours arriving 0145 hours via Qantas Flight 3.

The party will return to Sydney on Sunday, March 20, arriving at 0855 hours on Qantas flight 4.

Squad members will then return to their respective homes.

During the stay in Fiji, the party will be accommodated at the Macambo Hotel with the exception of an overnight stay in Suva on Friday, March 18 at the Courtesy Inn.

On Saturday, March 19, a friendly game will be played against Fiji in Suva.

The squad will reassemble at the Camperdown Travelodge on Wednesday, March 23 at 9.30a.m. in order to prepare for the first match against New Zealand to be played the following Monday, March 27.

On Monday morning, March 28, the Squad will fly to Auckland, New Zealand departing 1045 hours and arriving Auckland at 1530 hours on Qantas flight 50.

Australia's World Cup campaign is sponsored by the Bank of New South Wales, Carlton and United Breweries, Philips Industries, Travelodge Australia, and the News Limited Group.

The Australian squad is:

Goalkeepers: Todd Clarke (NSW), Alan Maher (NSW)

Defenders: George Harris (NSW), Harry Williams (NSW), Colin Bennett (NSW), Peter Wilson (NSW), Jimmy Tansey (Vic).

Midfield: Gary Byrne (NSW), Jimmy Rooney (NSW) Agenor Muniz (NSW), Dave Harding (NSW), Peter Stone (NSW), Gary Marocchi (WA)

Forwards: Atti Abonyi (NSW), Murray Barnes (NSW), John Kosmina (SA), John Nyskohus (SA), Peter Ollerton (Vic)

All systems go in the Valley

The Latrobe Valley Soccer League is the largest league in country Victoria. It administers from Drouin in the west to Bairnsdale in the east and Leongatha in the south — about 15,000 sq.k.

The League has 26 senior teams, 90 junior teams, and 2,300 players.

These are in two divisions in the seniors and east and west zones in the juniors.

The juniors are capably administered by the LVJSL.

The L.V.S.L. will be sponsored by the Shell Dealers of Gippsland this season.

The first league game will be Sunday, April 3, each team competing for a cash prize at the end of the championship.

The Latrobe Valley has had a soccer show on radio 3UL Warragul (530 KHz) for the past three years. The show gives all scores and ladders from the L.V.S.L. and L.V.J.S.L. as well as items of interest, with interviews with leading personalities from the Latrobe Valley.

A panel was formed on the show last season to comment on events and happenings, creating interest in the soccer fraternity.

This season the show is in two parts and will be heard on Thursday 9 — 9.30pm and Sunday 8 — 8.30am. The first program will be on Thursday, March 31.

The Latrobe Valley Referees Branch will again conduct the charity bowl series involving the top four teams from the First Division at the end of last season.

The competition will be a night series held at Ronald Reserve, Morwell during The Festival of Light on 22, 24, 26 March.

The proceeds from the series will be given to the local Lions Club to distribute.

The branch is conducting courses at Morwell High School each school term at 7pm Tuesday under Mr. Bill McVey, the Latrobe Val-

Dick Bosma and **Nan Jones**, two well-known soccer personalities from the Latrobe Valley, were married recently at Kernot Hall, Yallourn. Their wedding was well attended by a large crowd of soccer identities.

The coaches for the First Division so far are: Moe — **Les Stainsbury**; Monash — **Phil Blunt**; Newborough — **Vlad Kuiser**; Rangers — **George Casser**; Pegasus — **Tony Cassar**; Churchill — **Fred Kaminski**; Traralgon — **Rudi Van Meer.**

Churchill will have a strong halfback line with J. Schroeder, F. Kaminski and R. Hainsworth and will be hard to beat this season.

There will be a best L.V. player award this year, something each player should keep in mind when playing.

Another club may be formed in Traralgon this year.

Ron Smith, Coaching Director for Victoria, will conduct a coaching course in the Valley at Newborough on the 27/28 February, 5/6 March, 12/13 March. On March 11 he will speak to L.V. clubs on the subject "Competition among 7-8 year olds" at Ronald Reserve Multi Purpose Hall, Morwell, at 8 pm.

Latrobe Valley Soccer League 1st Division Fixtures, sponsored by the Shell Dealers of Gippsland.
April 3 — June 26
Sale v Moe
Newborough v Fortuna
Rangers v Monash
Traralgon v Pegasus
Leongatha v Churchill
April 17 — July 3
Moe v Newborough
Fortuna v Rangers
Monash v Pegasus
Traralgon v Leongatha
Churchill v Sale
May 1 — July 10
Moe v Churchill
Leongatha v Newborough
Sale v Traralgon
Pegasus v Rangers
Fortuna v Monash
May 8 — July 24
Fortuna v Sale
Rangers v Moe
Newborough v Monash
Pegasus v Leongatha
Churchill v Traralgon
May 15 — July 31
Rangers v Newborough
Monash v Moe
Churchill v Pegasus
Leongatha v Sale
Traralgon v Fortuna
May 29 — Aug 7
Sale v Rangers
Monash v Traralgon
Pegasus v Moe
Fortuna v Leongatha
Newborough v Churchill
June 5 — Aug 14
Monash v Churchill
Moe v Leongatha
Traralgon v Rangers
Sale v Newborough
Fortuna v Pegasus
June 12 — Aug 21
Pegasus v Sale
Moe v Fortuna
Traralgon v Rangers
Monash v Leongatha
June 19 — Aug 28
Sale v Monash
Moe v Traralgon
Newborough v Pegasus
Fortuna v Churchill
Leongatha v Rangers.
Battle of Britain Cup
Shopwell Trophy
1st round April 24
2nd round May 22
3rd round July 17
Finals Sept 4
Lightning premiership June 13
Six a Side March 27

Falcons seek leader

Morwell Falcons, newly promoted to the Fourth Division of the Metropolitan League, is looking for an experienced former State League player to strengthen its team.

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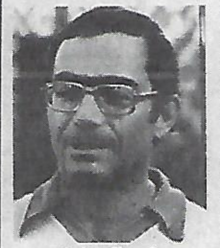
Anyone interested should ring **Don DiFabrizio** on 051-344533 or 051-211756.



John Frank

Women's soccer

The date for the women's lightning premiership is March 20 at Springvale.

So far it looks as if all clubs will be participating, including RMIT and with a possible new team from Footscray, so it should be a really great day.

Women's five-a-side table after round three:

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Greensborough	5	0	0	56	7	10
Green Gully	4	0	1	43	11	8
Melton	4	0	1	24	13	8
Dandenong	3	0	3	29	19	6
Doveton	3	0	2	20	20	6
Broadmeadows	3	0	2	14	17	6
Waverley	1	0	4	20	19	2
Springvale	1	0	5	11	43	2

Subbuteo a hit

The initial impact of the new soccer game, Subbuteo, has been an unqualified success.

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Finalists play for $1000 first prize

A magnificent trophy and $1000 prize money is what is up for grabs when Wests and Hakoah meet in the final of the Rosso Antico Cup at Marconi Oval on Sunday.

And what a game this should be, with both teams already greedy for honors!

Both brought off mild surprises by getting into the final, but they fought hard to get there and good luck to them.

This final will be one where no quarter will be asked, and believe me, none will be given.

On last week's performances, both of them play the same style of football and it's fast, exciting stuff and great entertainment for the fans.

As for the likely winner — well, it could go either way, but I have a sneaking feeling for Wests — but it will be a close one!

Likely teams —

WESTS: T. Eaton; Curran, Noble, Wilson, Perry, Harding, Lindsay, Ainslie, Fryer, C. Eaton, Norris.

HAKOAH: Clarke; Mullen, Robertson, O'Connor, Mowbray, Lutton, Muniz, Stevenson, Watson, Smith, Silva.

Marconi and Saints will play off in the early fixture for third place in this competition.

ILIOSKI STEALS THE LIMELIGHT

Miro Litwin — joining J.U.S.T.

Put a striker and another good midfielder into the team, and J.U.S.T. will be among the leaders in the Philips league.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Although a depleted Alexander, without **Jim O'Reilly** and **Pat Bannon**, offered little resistance in their practice match at Footscray, J.U.S.T. showed off a style which will please the fans this year.

J.U.S.T. is basing this style so heavily on German soccer that the players are calling each other **Stielike, Simonsen, Maier** etc.

The style is not new to J.U.S.T., but it was evident that coach **Cedo Cirkovic** is working on giving it some professional polish.

The ball, not the players, is doing the "running" and the emphasis is on retaining possession when there aren't openings to go forward.

Alexander, badly outplayed in midfield, managed to stay with J.U.S.T. until close to half time, but then it was all over.

Only the lack of a true goalscorer and the good positioning of **Alexander's Bob Provan** and **Jim Tansey** prevented JUST from adding to its score.

In beating Hellas 3-0 the previous week, Alexander had based its game largely on the midfield strength of O'Reilly and Bannon.

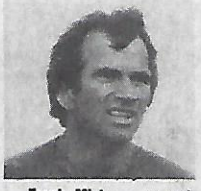
This time O'Reilly was away on his honeymoon and Bannon didn't play because he had an injured foot.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. (Micic 65th.) FITZROY ALEXANDER 0.

Player ratings out of 10

J.U.S.T.: Boland 6; Parrott 6; Kondarios 6, Kriaris 6, Kazi 6, Milne 5, Micic 7, Ilioski 7, Palinkas 5, Picioane 6, Ristovski 7.

ALEXANDER: Blasby 6, Nelson 5, Provan 6, Tansey 6, Rakovalis 5, Millar 4 (Selemidis 4, half time), Glykokalamos 7, Taylor 6, Thomson 4, Cole 4, Gillan 4.



Frank Micic — scored the goal.

Both will be back for the practice game against Slavia at the Showgrounds on Sunday at 3pm.

J.U.S.T. missed the guile and ball-holding ability of Branko Buljevic in attack, and the players expected from Yugoslavia had better be good if his absence is going to be compensated for.

With Buljevic missing, **Mendo Ristovski** had to shoulder more responsibility and he was very good indeed — committing himself in all forward moves, running into the open, calling for the ball and shooting.

But the best player on the ground was young midfielder Zoran Ilioski, playing with more confidence and greater imagination than he ever has.

Frank Micic, wearing an uncharacteristic No. 14 shirt, directed traffic while Ilioski did most of the running and defensive midfield work

Micic made up for the lack of a striker by scoring the winning goal himself, after a cut-back off the line by Joe Picioane in the 65th. minute.

Centre backs **Jim Kondarios** and **Jim Kriaris** — although he badly missed a ball from which **George Gillan** almost scored — were towers of strength in J.U.S.T.'s defence.

Alexander's twin strikers, **Gillan** and **Gary Cole**, were helpless against this pair.

Alexander's best player was Mike Glykokalamos, the team's only effective midfielder, who defended well, and distributed some nice forward passes.

Despite the poor performance, Alexander has nothing to be gloomy about.

It has signed **Branko Buljevic** (see page one) and is expecting a few more players, including **Mima Papaiannou** from Greece.

However, the club may miss out on Scottish goalkeeper **Roddy McKenzie**. He apparently wants to go to Brisbane Lions and the two clubs are now engaged in a tug of war over his signature.

While waiting for its overseas recruits, J.U.S.T. has gained a local reinforcement in former Polonia goalkeeper **Miro Litwin**.

Litwin, one-time player-coach of Essendon Lions, is expected to sign with JUST any day now.

Rosso Antico Cup is pointer to a great season

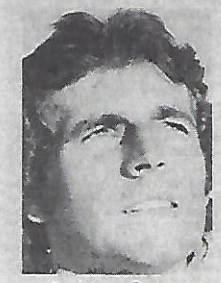
Sydney fans had their first look at things to come in the new Phillips Soccer League at Marconi Oval on Sunday.

By TOM ANDERSON

For four of the Sydney participating clubs — Hakoah, Marconi, St George and Wests — played in the first round of the Rosso Antico Cup, which was a dress rehearsal for things to come when the new league kicks off on April 2.

And the fans went away with big smiles on their faces, for the whole project was a great success.

Although the four teams are still in the experimental stages and the players are not yet at peak fitness, the fare was good and the future looks bright.



Col Curran (Wests)

Neville Morgan (Saints)

Jim Rooney (Marconi)

This double header brought in 3,700 fans, which, for what was a mere warm-up or trial run, was good.

In opposition to this, two double header Ampol Cup games at Lambert Park and Garside Park drew only 3,125 between them.

Here is a report on the two games :-

WESTS 2 - ST GEORGE 1.

Look out everybody, Wests are back in business and on this showing will be a hard team to stop in the coming season!

It is obvious that coach **Mike Laing** has put a lot of time and hard work into his team during the past few weeks.

He has a well-organised unit, with all players knowing what each is supposed to do, and he has built his system around a very tight and uncompromising defence.

This defence is well marshalled and well controlled by national team skipper **Peter Wilson**, who looked every inch a thoroughbred on Sunday.

Over the past few weeks, Wests have been sneaking off to Newcastle and the Sydney suburbs, playing a series of trial games.

This certainly showed and for most of the game, they looked sharp and positive.

This was Saints' first outing and although they looked a bit disorganised for a period they have the talent and the know-how, to pose a big threat for honors.

Saints' coach **Manfred Schaefer** used most of his 18-man squad and chopped and changed at will, and by the time the start of the season comes round, "the Bomber" is confident he will have found Saints' strongest permutation.

There were a number of new players on show on both sides and they all looked good.

Wests had four newcomers — **Col Curran** from Newcastle NSW), **Bobby Noble** from Newcastle United (UK) at stopper, **Mike Berry** from Southampton in midfield and **Graham Norris** from Crystal Palace in a striking position.

They all looked good and they all know what this game of football is all about.

Saints used their newcomers. South American **Rudi Gnavi** from Pan Hellenic in midfield and **Phil O'Connor** from Wollongong in a striking position.

These two also had promising debuts, and will without doubt, prove valuable acquisitions for the Saints.

Wests got their goals in the 34th and 39th minutes through **Peter Wilson** and **Clive Eaton** and Saints replied through **Neville Morgan** in the 53rd minute.

On the day, Wests deserved to win a game that was played at a fast pace and was tough and uncompromising.

These two teams seem to have their sights set at a very high standard, which augurs well for the new league.

SCORERS — WESTS — Wilson, Eaton, SAINTS — Morgan, BEST PLAYERS — WESTS; Peter Wilson, Col Curran, Alan Ainslie. SAINTS; Rudi Gnavi, Phil O'Connor, George Harris.

HAKOAH 2 — MARCONI 1

A smash and grab win by the boys from Bondi and one that made the Hakoah supporters go home with a smile as big as Bondi Beach on their faces!

All the damage was done in a three-minute period in the second half, when **John Stevenson** in the 57th minute and **Agenor Muniz** in the 59th minute scored goals that shocked Marconi.

Marconi replied through **Ernie Campbell** in the 78th minute, but were unable to grab the equalisor.

Hakoah coach **Gerry Chaldi**, was well pleased with the performance of his team and considering this was their first outing he has a right to be!

They looked fit and sharp and they seem to have improved quite a bit on last season's performances.

The only blot in the Hakoah copy book was the sending-off of their new defender **Alan Kershaw** by referee **Tim Davies** in the 80th minute.

Kershaw, formerly with Dundee United and Southport, swore at a linesman and got an early shower!

Marconi boss **Rale Rasic** should not worry about this defeat, as he has things well under control and has a good side.

But for the bad finishing of his strikers, Marconi could well have been in next week's final.

As usual, Rasic's players are well organised and well disciplined and know what they are about.

Midfielder **Jimmy Rooney** will prove a magnificient capture for the Marconi team. The little fellow had a fine game.

Both these teams had a professional look about them, are well drilled and are nearing peak fitness.

Like Wests and Saints, they are both hell-bent on winning honors the first time up, so look out any interstate teams that may not be up to scratch!

SCORERS — HAKOAH — Stevenson, Muniz. MARCONI — Campbell. BEST PLAYERS — Hakoah; Bertie Lutton, Agenor Muniz, Todd Clarke. Marconi; Jimmy Rooney, Ernie Campbell, Ivo Prskalso.

The Alexander squad for the game against J.U.S.T. last Sunday, standing from left: Peter Blasby, George Gillan, Alex Nelson, Bob Provan, Gary Cole, Pat Bannon, Theo Selemidis; front: Mike Glykokalamos, Nick Rakovalis, Les Thomson, Ken Taylor, Ian Millar, Jim Tansey.

Adelaide wins big battle of the Greeks

WEST Adelaide humiliated Victorian champions South Melbourne Hellas 4-2 in a Philips league trial in Hindmarsh Stadium in Adelaide.

In a whirlwind start, West Adelaide led 3-0 after only 16 minutes and 4-1 at half-time.

They mesmerised the Victorian defence with short passes.

After three minutes, Perth signing **Gordon McCulloch** crossed to Sydney reject, **Graham Honeyman**, who headed past South's keeper, **John Kennedy**.

West Adelaide scored again in the 10th minute when **Honeyman** broke through the Victorian defence before crossing to his captain, **David Pillans**, who headed the ball into the net.

Six minutes later, **Honeyman** made it 3-0 when he tapped the ball past **Kennedy** from point blank range.

After half an hour, South Melbourne started to put their moves together and reduced the deficit with a scrambled goal by **Ian Gibson**.

But less than a minute later, West scored again when big defender, **David Jones**, rose majestically to hit home.

South looked a different side in the second half and made the South Australians fight for every ball.

South was finally rewarded for their persistence when defender, **Arthur Xanthopoulos**, headed magnificently past **Crook** in the 74th minute.

FOR SALE

The following Fitzroy Alexander players are on the transfer list:

John Taylor (centre back), **Peter Donaldson** (centre back), **Ian Millar** (midfielder), **Les Thomson** (midfielder), **Mike Stogiannou** (full back), **Keith Webster** (midfielder), **John Nicolaides** (forward).

GASCOR 15-2 loss

New club Gascor City which will play in Division Four West of the Victorian Industrial League, blooded its troops against Waverley City old boys at the weekend.

The score was 15-2 for Waverley.

It was fitting that the score should bear a closer resemblance to Australian Rules than to soccer, for most of the Gascor players are Aussie Rules converts.

Tanner scored Gascor's two goals. Best players were Middlemiss, Maya, Roberts, Paolini and Visocren.

Scottish Cup

The draw for the quarter-finals of the Scottish Cup, to be played on Saturday, March 12, is:

Arbroath or Hibernian v Dundee or Aberdeen, Rangers v Motherwell, Celtic or Ayr United v Queen of the South, Hearts v East Fife.